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INTRODUCTION

Begin with two of America's most popular destinations—Yellowstone National Park, the nation's first, and Glacier National Park, the Crown of the Continent. Fill up the wide open spaces in between with museums, art galleries, ghost towns, rodeos, festivals, state parks, wildlife and wilderness refuges, elegant resorts, modern cities—and you can package, marketable, profitable tours to Montana. This planning guide helps you to do just that.

For your convenience, we suggest popular tours and itineraries we know your clients will enjoy. If you prefer to devise your own itineraries, we provide all the information you need. Or, if your clients are looking for specialized tours—hiking, camping, fishing, skiing, historical, agricultural or industrial—just give us a call and we'll give you the friendly, professional service you would expect from a Montanan.

You will discover a bonus called economy in a Montana vacation. We think you'll be pleased by the combination of world-class destinations and surprisingly-affordable rates described in this planning guide. Another feature is the limited gambling in Montana, including poker, keno and pari-mutuel betting.

Montana's Statehood Centennial will be celebrated in 1989, and we'll be hosting a variety of festivals and events throughout the year. For a detailed calendar of centennial events, contact Montana Promotion Division.

If this guide doesn't answer all of your questions about Montana, we'll be glad to research any information and contact you directly. Your are our group tour coordinator's highest priority.

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TRANSPORTATION AND SIGHTSEEING SERVICES

MOTORCOACH REGULATIONS

For your convenience we have compiled the following information regarding motorcoach travel in Montana. If you are chartering a coach from another company, please pass along these important facts to them. If you need assistance, just call the Montana Group Travel Coordinator at 800-548-3390.

1. Before entering Montana you must register your ICC authority with the following agency:

   Montana Public Service Commission (PSC)
   2701 Prospect, Building D
   Helena, MT 59620
   406-444-6190

   There is a one-time charge of $25.00 to file this application. A bingo stamp must be purchased for each vehicle that you will be bringing into Montana. The cost of each stamp is $5.00.

   IMPORTANT: You are urged to register your authority prior to your arrival in Montana and your vehicle identification stamp should be placed on each vehicle. However, the PSC will grant a 30-day grace period to new carriers who have not formerly registered.

2. You must purchase either a temporary trip permit or post a bond with the Motor Fuels Tax Division.

   You may purchase a special fuel user's Temporary Trip Permit at the cost of $30.00. It will be valid for 72 hours or until you leave the State of Montana.

   If you plan to operate in Montana on a regular basis you may file an application for a special fuel user's license together with a minimum of $500 surety or cash bond with the Department of Revenue and file quarterly reports.

   For more information contact:

   Department of Revenue
   Motor Fuels Tax Division
   P.O. Box 5895
   Helena, MT 59604
   406-444-3474

3. A Temporary Trip Permit must be purchased from the Department of Highways based on the number of miles you will be traveling while in Montana. Rates are as follows:

   Up to 200 miles — $10.00
   200 to 400 miles — $15.00
   Over 400 miles — $20.00

   However, if you operate out of one of the states that belong to the International Registration Plan (IRP), reciprocity is granted.

   If you plan to operate in Montana on a regular basis, you may pay an annual fee based on the adult seating capacity of your motorcoach. The cost is $7.00 per seat excluding seven seats and the driver.

   For more information contact:

   Department of Highways
   Gross Vehicle Weight Division
   P.O. Box 4639
   Helena, MT 59604
   406-444-6130

4. Stop at the first open weigh station in Montana to show your identification stamp and purchase any permits not previously purchased. In the event that an open weigh station cannot be found immediately upon entering Montana, the driver may contact the Montana Highway Patrol at 800-525-5555 to purchase permits.

5. On July 1, 1986 a new system went into effect to help streamline the permitting process at ports of entry. Motorcoaches can now stop at the first open weigh station where they receive priority treatment. After they show their paperwork is in order, they receive a courtesy 72-hour permit that allows them simply to "roll through" subsequent weigh stations. No coach should be detained more than 15 minutes at any weigh station.

SIGHTSEEING SERVICES IN GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

One of the most memorable highlights of Glacier National Park is the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Road. The high, winding and narrow nature of the 23-mile central portion of the road necessitates the National Park Service to limit the size and length of vehicles traveling on it. The size limitations are eight feet in width and 30 feet in length, including extensions like mirrors, bumpers, July 1-Labor Day, and eight feet in width and 35 feet in length, September-June.

Commercial coaches or vehicles of any size are NOT ALLOWED ON THE CENTRAL SECTION OF THE ROAD because of an existing contractural agreement between the National Park Service and Glacier Park, Inc., the principal park concessionnaire. Tour operators are permitted to take vehicles from West Glacier to Lake McDonald Lodge (10 miles) on the west side of the park or from St. Mary to Rising Sun Motor Inn (6 miles) on the east side of the park. Tours are also permitted on all other park roads.

Transportation between Lake McDonald Lodge and Rising Sun Motor Inn, and to other destinations within Glacier National Park, may be arranged on a fleet of 1936 roll back top touring cars. For more information, contact Glacier Park, Inc. (see page 10 for address and phone.)

SIGHTSEEING SERVICES IN YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

In Yellowstone Park, where TW Recreational Services, Inc., holds the main concession contract, motorcoaches travel throughout the park without restriction. If you wish to have a guide board your coach, they are available through TW Recreational Services, Inc. (see address on page 12) and Custer Battlefield Tours (see listing under Step-on Guide Services.)

COMMERCIAL AIR SERVICE

The following airlines serve Montana with scheduled flights:

Billings	Northwest, Delta, Northwest Airlink, Continental, United
Bozeman	Northwest, Continental, Delta, Northwest Airlink
Butte	Delta, Northwest Airlink
Glacier Park International (Kalispell)	Delta, Horizon (United Express)
Glasgow	Northwest Airlink

Glendive	Northwest Airlink
Great Falls	Northwest, Delta, United, Northwest Airlink, Horizon (United Express), Continental
Havre	Northwest Airlink
Helena	Northwest, Delta, Northwest Airlink, Horizon (United Express)
Lewistown	Northwest Airlink
Miles City	Northwest Airlink
Missoula	Continental, Delta, Northwest Airlink, Northwest
Sidney	Northwest Airlink
West Yellowstone (June-Sept.)	Sky West
Wolf Point	Northwest Airlink

CHARTER AIR SERVICE

Northwest Airlink, headquartered in Billings, provides charter service throughout Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Washington and Alberta. A charter can save you both time and expense and your group can fly to any of Montana's airports on your schedule.

Eight-passenger Cessna 402s and 15-passenger Metroliners are available. For details, contact:

Northwest Airlink
P.O. Box 31397
Billings, MT 59107-1397
406-245-9449
800-548-7053 (except MT)
800-332-7119 (in MT)

TRAIN SERVICE

Along the Hi-Line, which parallels U.S. 2 through northern Montana, AMTRAK makes stops at Libby, Whitefish, Glacier Park, Browning, Cut Bank, Shelby, Havre, Malta, Glasgow and Wolf Point. Trains run daily, east and west. For more information, call your nearest AMTRAK office.

CHARTER BUS COMPANIES

Beach Transportation Company
825 Mount
Missoula, MT 59801
406-549-6121 or 251-3936

Pick-up points: All points in Montana

Equipment: 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, PA, and recliner seats and restrooms. 41-passenger MCI with A/C, PA and recliner seats.

Emergency phone: 406-251-3936 or 543-8701 or 251-4509

Additional services: Limited mechanical, cleaning, dumping, garaging, step-on guides.

Glacier Park, Inc.
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-5551

Pick-up points: Glacier National Park, Kalispell

Equipment: 39-passenger coaches and 14-18 passenger open touring cars.

Emergency phone: 406-226-9311

Hall Transit
1310 Birch
Helena, MT 59601
406-442-5654

Pick-up points: All points in Montana for interstate groups. Great Falls and Helena for interstate groups.

Equipment: 47-passenger coaches with A/C and restrooms.

Emergency phone: 406-442-5654

Intermountain Transportation Company
P.O. Box 520
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-5246
800-221-6177 (in MT)

Pick-up points: Butte, Anaconda, Great Falls, Kalispell, Helena, Missoula, Havre, Billings, Shelby.

Equipment: 47-passenger MC-9 coaches with restrooms, A/C and PA. One with stereo.

Emergency phone: 406-494-2788 or 563-5644

Additional services: Fuel, mechanical, cleaning, garaging, dumping.

Karst Stage, Inc.
511 No. Wallace
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-8567
800-332-0504 (in Montana)

Pick-up points: Interstate groups at all points in Montana and Lewis and Clark, Yellowstone and Gallatin counties for intrastate groups.

Equipment: 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, PA and restrooms. A 27-passenger VIP coach with 2 + 1 seating, A/C, restroom, refrigerator, microwave, 2 TV's, VCR system—will sleep 6.

Emergency phone: 406-586-9937

Additional services: Mechanical, cleaning, garaging, dumping.

Rocky Mountain Transportation, Inc.
1410 East Edgewood Drive
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-2539

Pick-up points: Kalispell, Whitefish, Great Falls, Glacier National Park.

Equipment: 15-passenger vans with A/C, 39- and 47-passenger MCI coaches with A/C, restrooms, stereo and PA.

Emergency phone: 406-862-2550

Yellowstone Park Division
TW Recreational Services, Inc.
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7901
800-421-3401

Pick-up points: All points in Montana.

Equipment: 41-passenger MCI coaches with A/C and PA. 8 with restrooms.

Additional services: Mechanical, cleaning, garaging, dumping.

Emergency phone: 307-344-7381

DIESEL FUEL AVAILABILITY

Because of Montana's agriculture-based economy, diesel fuel is readily available throughout the state. There are several diesel fuel dealers in each of Montana's major cities and in many smaller farm communities. Ask the front desk manager at your hotel where you can find the nearest dealer.

STEP-ON GUIDE SERVICES/TOUR CONSULTANTS

The following companies can provide professional guide and escort service, meal arrangements and local sightseeing packages for group tours.

Custer Battlefield Tours
dba Action Travel
416 N. Cody
Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1580

Step-on guide service for Custer Battlefield, Crow and Cheyenne Indian reservations, southeast Montana and Yellowstone National Park. Assistance can be given for all ground arrangements. Specializing in small groups. Guide has 27 years experience with the National Park Service.

Montana Leisure, Inc.
1701 Highway 93 South
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-1032

Step-on guide service with professional tour managers throughout the Pacific Northwest, with special emphasis on western Montana and the Flathead Valley. Fully bonded and insured full service tour and travel agency will custom make your tour package. NTA operator and supplier member. References upon request. Foreign language guides available.

Off The Beaten Path
109 East Main Street
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-1311

Off The Beaten Path offers general and specific tour consulting services for Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. Their computerized data base allow access to detailed, qualitative information on lodging, dining, attractions, events, routes, guide services and activities in the region. Write or call for a free 16-page brochure.

Rainbow Travel, Inc.
P.O. Box 1460
Billings, MT 59103
406-248-5450
800-551-6879 (in MT)

Guide service for Billings area, Big Horn Dam and Cody, Wyoming. Attractions include historical homes, galleries, Pictograph Caves, Chief Plenty Coups home and museum, Buffalo Bill Historical Center, Custer Battlefield and Pompeys Pillar. Guide is a fourth generation Montanan and interpreters are available in forty different languages.

The towering Garden Wall in Glacier National Park

SUGGESTED TOURS

THREE-DAY TOUR BETWEEN THE PARKS

Day One

We start our tour in Big Sky, just outside Yellowstone National Park. A float trip on the Gallatin River and a scenic gondola ride will help us discover this resort community founded by Chet Huntley. After lunch we head to Bozeman and the home of Montana State University. Located on the MSU campus is the Museum of the Rockies, which contains a unique collection of Montana relics—from dinosaur eggs unearthed in the state to Indian artifacts and a two-story homesteader cabin. Then it's on to Butte where we will view the open-pit copper mine and visit the World Museum of Mining, the Copper King Mansion or the Mineral Museum.

Overnight in Butte or Anaconda.

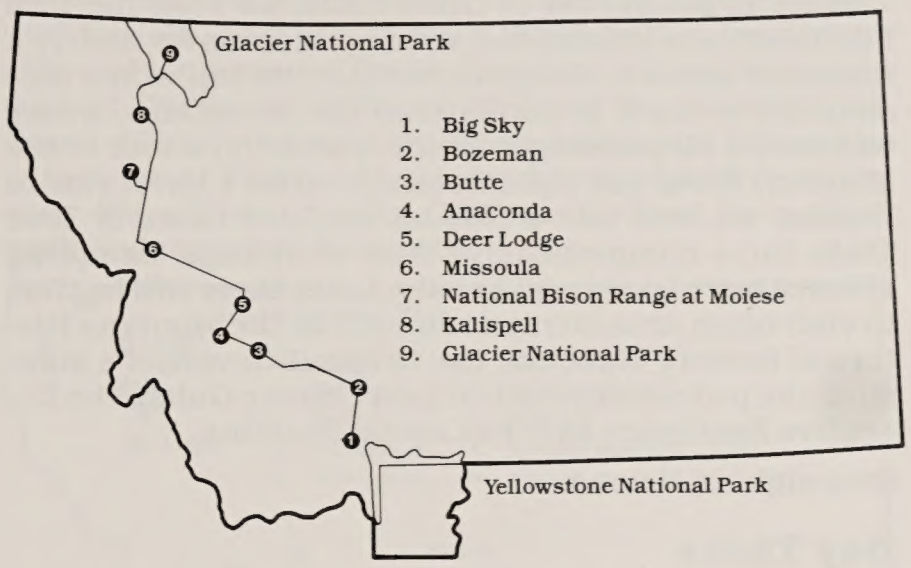
Day Two

This morning we will drive the Pintler Scenic Route along the shores of Georgetown Lake, and then on to Deer Lodge, the home of three unique and historic attractions. We may choose to tour the Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, the Old Montana Prison or the Towe Ford Museum. After a lunch stop in Missoula we will head for the National Bison Range at Moiese. This preserve is the home of bison, elk, deer, antelope, big horn sheep and mountain goats. Our day ends with a drive along the beautiful Flathead Lake to Kalispell for our overnight stay.

Day Three

Our entire day is spent in magnificent Glacier National Park. We will need to transfer to smaller touring cars for our ride over the breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Road. We will cross the Continental Divide at Logan Pass and will pause somewhere near the summit to enjoy our picnic lunch.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.



THREE-DAY TOUR BETWEEN THE PARKS

Day One

Our tour begins at Gardiner near the north gate of Yellowstone National Park. From here we follow the Yellowstone River north through the beautiful Paradise Valley to Livingston where we turn west and retrace the route taken by the Lewis and Clark Expedition on their return trip from the Pacific. We will pass near the headwaters of the Missouri River and then head north again on U.S. 287. We will reach Helena in time for lunch and the afternoon will be spent exploring this historic city, which is now the capital of Montana. First a ride on the Last Chancer Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later there will be time to visit other area attractions such as the Montana Historical Society, the Cathedral of St. Helena, the Original Governor's Mansion or the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch. Overnight in Helena.

Day Two

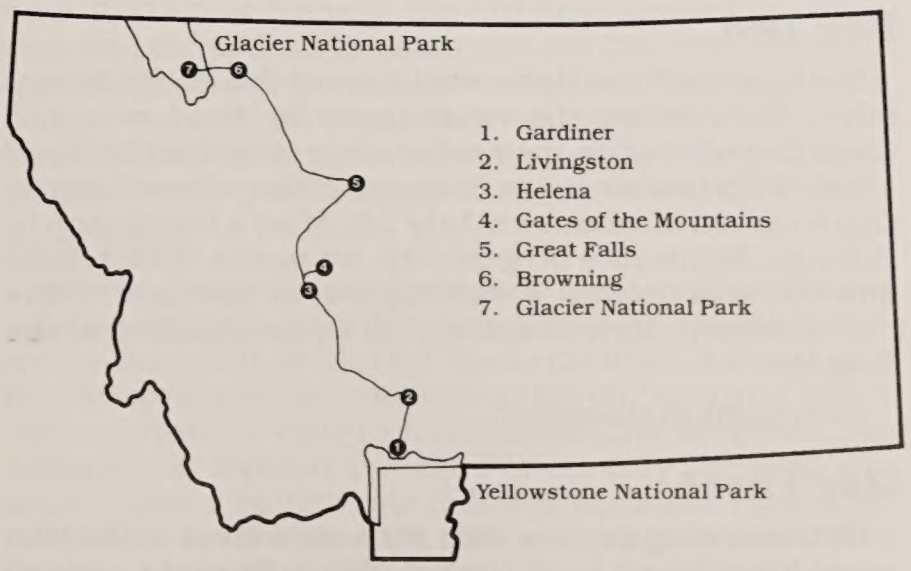
After breakfast we will tour the State Capitol before leaving Helena behind. Sixteen miles north of town, at the Gates of the Mountains, we will board a 90-passenger scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River. The canyon we will be entering was explored by the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Today the campsite of Captain Lewis and his party is a beautiful picnic area where we will stop to enjoy our lunch. Then it's on to Great Falls to visit the original home and studio of cowboy artist Charlie Russell. We will also stop by the nearby museum and gallery that contains many of his original works.

Overnight in Great Falls.

Day Three

Our journey today takes us through the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. We'll pause in Browning to visit the Museum of the Plains Indian where we can see the arts and artifacts of 11 Plains Indian tribes. After lunch we board our motorcoach and head for Glacier National Park and its spectacular alpine scenery.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.



TOURING ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH INTERSTATE

Day One

We enter Montana on I-15, heading south. Our first stop is Shelby, sight of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in 1923, and a look at the Marias Museum of History and Art. We continue on to Conrad, named for E. C. Conrad, Montana pioneer, for a lunch break. From here we move on to Great Falls, for a stop at the Charles M. Russell Original Studio and House and the Charles M. Russell Museum and Gallery, and a brief stop at Giant Springs State Park.

Overnight in Great Falls.

Day Two

Heading southwest of Great Falls, we visit the Ulm Pishkun State Monument, used by Indians for nearly a thousand years to slaughter buffalo. We follow the Missouri River south to the Gates of the Mountains, where we board a 90-passenger scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River and a picnic lunch. After a short ride to Helena, we first take a ride on the Last Chancer Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later there will be time to visit other area attractions such as the Montana Historical Society Museum, the Original Governor's Mansion, the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch, the Executive Residence and the Capitol Building.

Overnight in Helena.

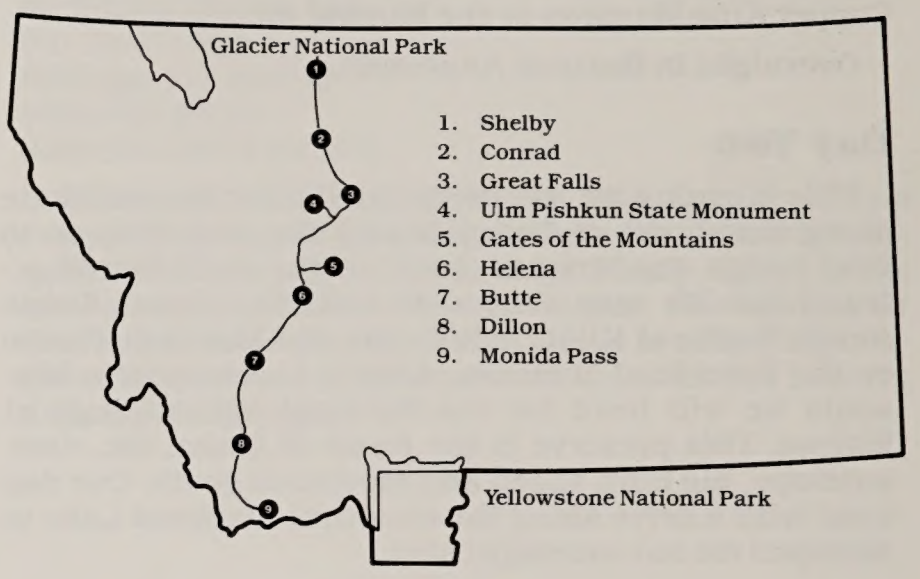
Day Three

We again head south on I-15, taking in the scenic beauty of the Rocky Mountains and crossing the Continental Divide before reaching Butte, home of Butte Hill, known as "the richest hill on earth". Once in Butte, we can visit the Copper King Mansion, the Mineral Museum, World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch and even hop on Old No. 1, a replica of an early day street car, for a tour of historic Butte.

Overnight in Butte.

Day Four

We travel south to Dillon, with a stop at the Beaverhead County Museum and a break for lunch. Continuing south we once again cross the Continental Divide at Monida Pass, Montana's southernmost border crossing.



TOURING ALONG THE EAST-WEST INTERSTATE

Day One

We'll be in the heart of rural America when we enter eastern Montana on I-94. We'll stop at Glendive to have lunch and if there's time, we'll visit Makoshika State Park. The Sioux Indians had a name for this place, Makoshika, meaning "bad earth" or badlands. In the afternoon we'll follow the Yellowstone River to Miles City—cow capital of the West. History will come to life as we visit area attractions such as the Range Riders Museum, Coffrin's Old West Gallery and the Custer County Art Center.

Overnight in Miles City.

Day Two

Today we will continue west toward the Rocky Mountains. We'll follow the route taken by the Lewis and Clark Expedition on their return trip from the Pacific in 1806. We'll be able to see Pompeys Pillar where Captain Clark carved his name on July 25. After a lunch stop in Billings, Montana's largest city, we motor to Bozeman and arrive in time for a walking tour or bus tour of this city's historic district and a visit to the Museum of the Rockies.

Overnight in Bozeman.

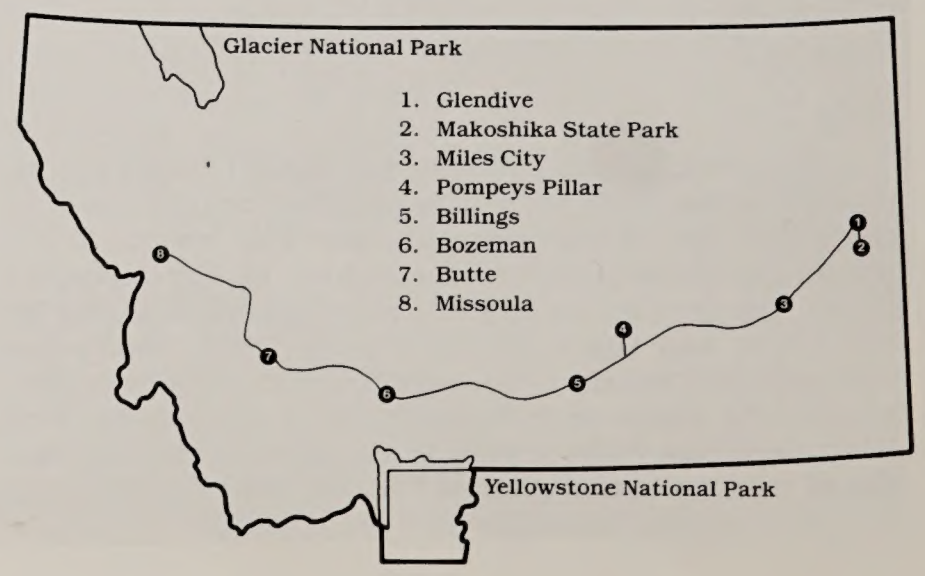
Day Three

This morning we pass near the headwaters of the Missouri River as we head toward Butte. During a visit to the World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch or the Berkeley Open-Pit Mine, we learn what an important role mining has played in the history not only of Butte but the entire state.

After lunch it's on to Missoula where we will be given a tour of the Aerial Fire Depot and learn about the rigorous life of the smokejumper.

Overnight in Missoula.

This itinerary is designed for tours entering Montana from North Dakota. Tours coming from South Dakota and Wyoming will enter on I-90 and pass through the Crow Indian Reservation. On this route a stop at Custer Battlefield National Monument is a must.



HUB AND SPOKE TOUR

HUB: Kalispell

SPOKES: Glacier National Park, Bigfork-Swan Valley, Polson, Libby-Eureka

Day One

We take a tour of the historical Conrad Mansion and then head for Flathead Lake at Somers to take a boat trip on the largest natural fresh water lake west of the Mississippi River and have a picnic lunch on the lake. We'll return to Kalispell with time for visiting the art galleries or shopping for "Made in Montana" products.

Day Two

Libby and Eureka are the main destinations today. Heading west of Kalispell on US Hwy 2, we pass through the Lolo National Forest and into the Kootenai National Forest. We continue through Libby and turn south on State Route 56 for a walk through the Ross Creek Scenic Area—giant cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high. We return to Libby for a visit to the Heritage Museum and lunch. Heading north on State Route 37, we view the Libby Dam and scenic Lake Koocanusa. Once we arrive in Eureka, we will tour the Tobacco Valley Historical Village, before continuing south through the Flathead National Forest to Whitefish. A late afternoon ride up the chairlift at The Big Mountain Ski Resort for a view of the Canadian Rockies, Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake rounds off the trip.

Day Three

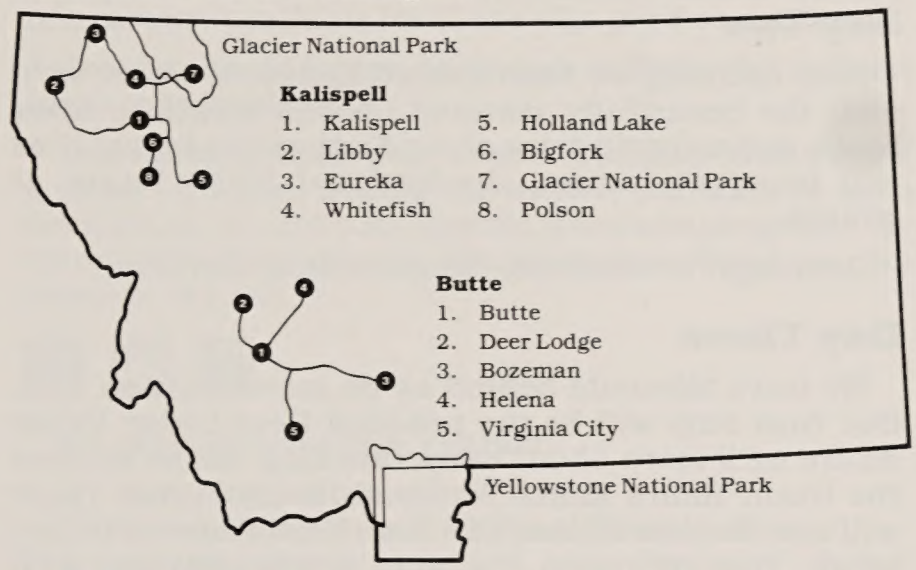
We drive southwest down the Swan Valley to Holland Lake Lodge for a day of canoeing, rowboating, walks around the lake and an outdoor barbeque lunch. After a relaxing afternoon, we head back toward Bigfork, home of many Flathead Valley artists, for a look at the Kootenai Gallery and a walking tour of town.

Day Four

Today our destination is Glacier National Park. We will need to transfer to small touring cars for our ride over the breathtaking Going-to-the Sun Road, and on to Many Glacier Hotel after a picnic lunch somewhere along the route. Our own motorcoach will meet us in Many Glacier for the return trip to Kalispell over Marias Pass on the south border of Glacier National Park.

Day Five

Heading south of Kalispell, we drive along the shores of Flathead Lake, viewing the beautiful Mission Range, and passing through Polson, once known as Port Polson, at the mouth of Flathead Lake. We continue on to the National Bison Range at Moiese, home to over 500 buffalo, and take a walk through the Jesuit Mission and town named for St. Ignatius. After lunch and a look at the many different birds at the Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge, we drive north and follow the east shore of Flathead Lake for new perspective on the area. We will stop at the Creston Gardens for a short walk and return to Kalispell.



HUB AND SPOKE TOUR

HUB: Butte

SPOKES: Helena, Bozeman, Virginia City, Nevada City, Deer Lodge

Day One

We will visit the Copper King Mansion, home of William A. Clark, then move on to the Mineral Museum where approximately 1300 mineral specimens are on display. After a lunch break, we will take a streetcar tour of historic Butte and visit the World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch, a reconstructed mining camp.

Day Two

We head west along I-90 to Deer Lodge. Here we take a tour of the Old Montana Prison and the Towe Ford Museum, the most complete antique Ford collection in existence. After lunch, we will visit the Grant-Kohrs Ranch, an early cattle empire whose home ranch covered 25,000 acres and controlled over a million acres of land in surrounding states.

Day Three

Heading east on I-90 we are bound for Bozeman where the College National Finals Rodeo is held each June. In Bozeman, we are shown the Museum of the Rockies, where dinosaurs unearthed in Montana are displayed, and take a walking tour of the South Willson Historic District. After a break for lunch we drive up to Bridger Bowl Ski Area for a close-up look at the Bridger Range of the Belt Mountains and a short trek in the fresh mountain air. On the return trip to Butte, we stop briefly at Missouri Headwaters State Park.

Day Four

Driving north along I-15, we are bound for Helena, Montana's state capital. First a ride on the Last Chancer Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later there will be time to visit other area attractions, such as the Montana Historical Society, the Original Governor's Mansion and the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch, the Executive Residence and the Capitol Building. After lunch we head sixteen miles north of Helena to the Gates of the Mountains, where we will board a 90 passenger scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River.

Day Five

We leave Butte this morning and head for the restored gold mining camps of Virginia City and Nevada City—where the spirit of the Old West still lives. Activities in this historic area will include a ride on the Alder Gulch "work" train, a visit to the Nevada City Museum, the Antique Car Exhibit and the Nevada City Railroad Museum. After a buffet style lunch at the Wells Fargo Coffee House, we'll follow US 287 to the Lewis and Clark Cavern State Park, Montana's first and best known state park.

SIX-DAY TOUR OF THE PARKS AND A WHOLE LOT MORE

We would like to suggest the following itinerary to give your clients the ultimate Montana experience. This tour includes both Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, as well as historic Virginia City and Nevada City, Flathead Lake, the Beartooth Highway and many of Montana's other fine attractions. If there is time at the beginning and end of your tour, be sure to visit the Charlie Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Custer National Battlefield southeast of Billings. If you are considering an intermodal tour, both Billings and Great Falls have excellent air service.

Day One

After an overnight stay in Great Falls, we'll head for Glacier National Park. Following Route 89 we'll cross the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to lunch at St. Mary's Lodge on the east edge of the Park. Afterwards we'll board smaller touring coaches for our trip over the spectacular Going-to-the-Sun Road.

Overnight in Glacier National Park at Lake McDonald Lodge.

Day Two

This morning we head toward Kalispell, where we'll visit the beautifully restored Conrad Mansion. After lunch and a scenic drive along Flathead Lake our time will be spent touring the National Bison Range at Moiese.

Overnight in Missoula, Montana's Garden City.

Day Three

We leave Missoula behind as we motor east on I-90. Our first stop will be the peaceful Deer Lodge Valley where we'll learn about early ranching life as we tour the Grant Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. There will also be time to visit the Towe Ford Museum before lunch. This afternoon, it's on to Helena. Enroute we'll stop at Frontier Town atop MacDonald Pass.

Overnight in Helena.

Day Four

Today we get a good look at Montana's capital city by riding the Last Chancer Tour Train and hearing a little about the history of Helena. We'll visit other local attractions before departing this afternoon. It's a 120-mile trip to our hotel this evening in historic Nevada City. A special treat tonight is a visit to neighboring Virginia City where we'll enjoy old-fashioned melodrama at its best with the Virginia City Players.

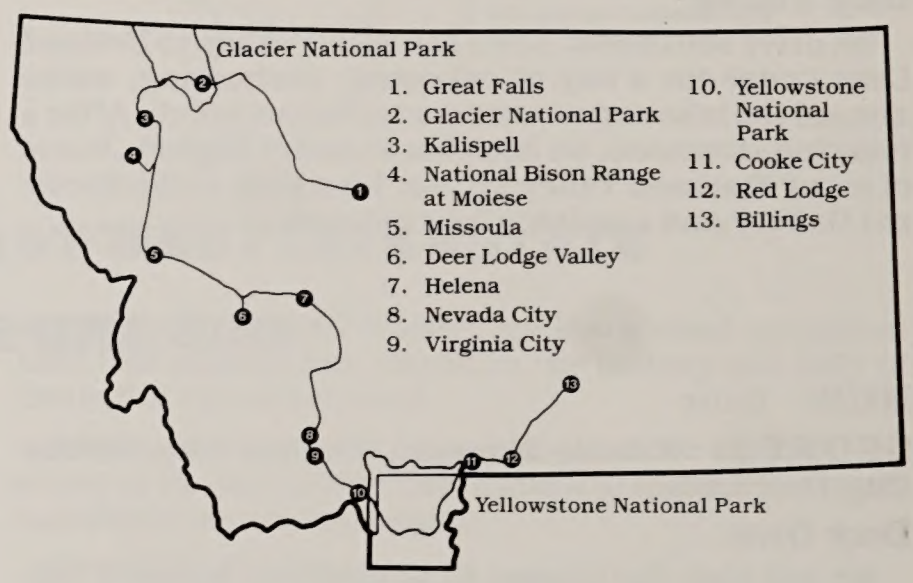
Day Five

It's a short drive today to reach America's most famous national park - Yellowstone. Here we'll marvel at "nature's wonderland" as we view geysers, mud pots and other thermal features. Lunch will be in the Old Faithful area and we'll have the opportunity to watch this famous geyser erupt. This afternoon will be full of new adventures as we journey to the eastern half of the park to see Yellowstone Lake and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone and its two spectacular waterfalls.

Overnight in Yellowstone National Park at Canyon Village.

Day Six

Today we'll visit Mammoth Hot Springs before leaving Yellowstone at its northeast corner. There will be a lunch stop in Cooke City before starting our climb over the Beartooth Pass. Get ready for some breathtaking mountain scenery along what CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt has described as the most beautiful drive in America. We'll pass through the charming, alpine town of Red Lodge before reaching our overnight destination of Billings.



HI-LINE: EAST TO WEST

Day One

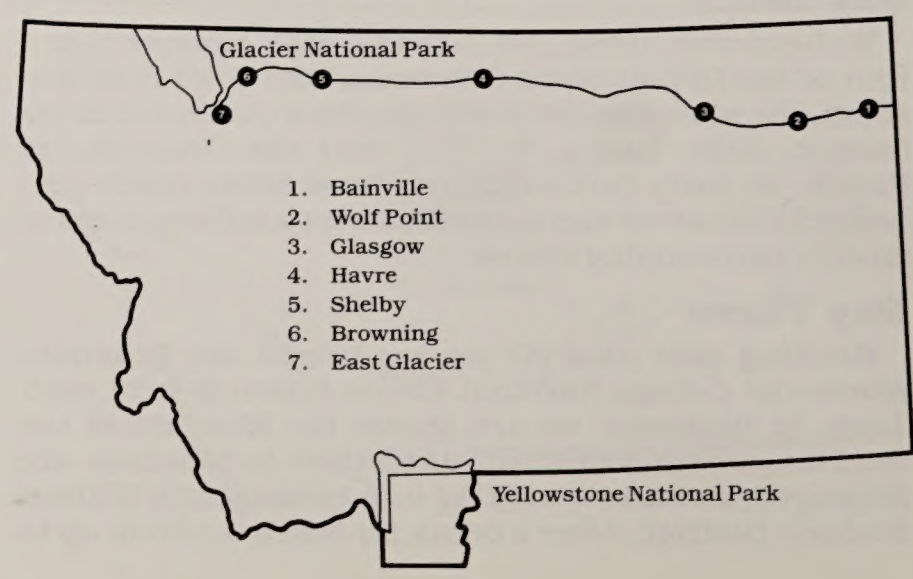
We enter Montana on US Hwy 2 and the first stop will be in Bainville for a visit to the Fort Union Trading Post Historic District-Fort Buford, an 1828 fur trading post. Moving west we enter the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and stop at Wolf Point, reservation headquarters, for a look at the Wolf Point Area Historical Society Museum and Art Gallery, along with a break for lunch. After a short drive to Glasgow, we visit the Pioneer Museum for a look at the homesteader's life in Montana.

Overnight in Glasgow.

Day Two

Continuing west, we cross the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and enter Havre. In Havre we tour the H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, have lunch and then head for Shelby to visit the Marias Museum of History and Art. From Shelby we move to Browning, on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and a tour of the Museum of the Plains Indian.

Overnight in East Glacier.



MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH: AN EARLY CATTLE EMPIRE

In the 1850s, Johnny Grant, a Canadian trapper, hunter and mountaineer, settled in the Deer Lodge Valley and became an early rancher. Along with his Bannock Indian wife, Quarra, and their large family, he prospered. In less than a decade he was running thousands of cattle, which marked the beginning of range cattle business in Montana Territory.

In 1866, Conrad Kohrs, a butcher and German immigrant, became the new owner of the ranch, which remained in his possession until his death in 1920. The ranch continued to prosper and grow with new, improved breeds of cattle, such as Herefords and Shorthorns. By the turn of the century the home ranch had grown to 25,000 acres and the ranching operation controlled over a million acres of land in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Canada. Over a 25-year period ending in 1913, between 8,000 and 10,000 cattle were shipped to market by train each year. One fall, the Kohrs operations shipped 365 carloads!

Following the death of Conrad Kohrs, the ranch was reduced in size, and operation was taken over by his grandson, Conrad Kohrs Warren. He was widely known for his Hereford cattle and Belgian horses. It was through the efforts of Warren and his wife, Nell, that the old buildings and their furnishings, together with the ranch's working documents, were preserved.

In 1972, Congress set aside the ranch as a National Historic Site for the purpose of providing "an understanding of the frontier cattle era of the Nation's history."

Today, the 266-acre ranch still has over 30 standing structures, from bunkhouse row to the 23-room ranch house, carefully preserved with the original Victorian furnishings. There's also a tack room, ice house, barns, blacksmith shop, wagon collection, chickens, cows and horses.

Demonstrations of ranching activities such as haying, branding, blacksmithing, horseshoeing and gardening take place throughout the year. There is no established schedule for these events but you may get a glimpse of these activities on your visit to the ranch.

The ranch house may be visited only on a conducted tour with a Park Service guide. The tours last approximately 20-30 minutes, but a brief (10-minute) walk through the house may be requested. Tour groups need to be divided into smaller groups of 10-12 for the house tour.

Self-guided maps of the ranch are available, or a guide may escort your group. A visitor center is staffed and houses historical photos depicting the frontier cattle era.

Round trip from parking lot to the ranch house is 3,000 feet over a paved trail. The walk around the ranch is approximately 1,500 feet. A wheelchair and an electric cart are available for those who need assistance.

Groups should inform the ranch of their visit at least two weeks in advance.

The ranch is open year-round. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. During the winter, the ranch is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Special tours and programs, by arrangement, for groups. Minimum time: One hour. Admission - $1.00.

For more information, contact:

Superintendent
Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site
P.O. Box 790
Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2070

Original farmhouse at Grant-Kohrs ranch

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK: CROWN OF THE CONTINENT

Few places on earth can compare to Glacier National Park in splendid alpine scenery. Glacier National Park is a million-acre wilderness containing over 200 mountain lakes, over 50 living glaciers and over 1,000 species of plant life.

Glacier is the U.S. portion of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, which straddles the Montana-Alberta border. The park is open year round with concession service open from mid-June to mid-September and the through road open from about mid-June to late October.

The weather in June and early July can be wet, with occasional rain or snow. Winter snows are melting and waterfalls are everywhere. The park is green and lush with blooming wildflowers and wildlife, such as moose, mountain goats and deer, are more commonly seen. July and August are the warmest, driest months in the park. Visitors can see snow-capped peaks and glaciers, the ever-changing display of wildflowers, the green meadows and blue mountain lakes. As summer turns to fall, the tamaracks and aspen change colors and migrating bald eagles begin to gather to feed on the spawning salmon (see Bald Eagle Gathering under Events). The days are warm and the nights are cool. Winter blankets the park with large amounts of snow and visitors can enjoy cross-country skiing at its finest.

Plan at least two nights and one full day to explore Glacier National Park. Allow tour clients time for a boat ride or scenic float trip, time for a nature walk, time to soak in the quiet solitude that is Glacier National Park.

The main road in Glacier, and the one not to be missed, is Going-to-the-Sun Road, winding through the heart of the park, up and over the Continental Divide. The road is only 60 miles long, but plan at least two hours for driving time. Tours will see the Weeping Wall, Birdwoman Falls and many spectacular mountain vistas. Because the Going-to-the-Sun is narrow and winding, the National Park Service has prohibited motorcoach travel on the road. The best way for group tour passengers to see Glacier is by transferring to the famous "red busses", which carry between 15 and 20 passengers each. In good weather, the drivers roll back the tops, allowing passengers an opportunity to view the meadows, lakes and towering peaks. Plan time for photo stops and a rest stop at Logan Pass Visitor Center, and perhaps a walk along the Trail of the Cedars. Your own motorcoach can deadhead around the south edge of the park to meet the group on the other side.

U.S. Highway 2 circles the southern portion of the park, crossing Marias Pass and following the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. A must on the 57-mile stretch of road between East Glacier and West Glacier is a stop at the Walton Goat Lick, a natural salt lick where mountain goats gather to lick salt from the clay deposits.

The park is served by commercial air carrier at Glacier Park International Airport near Kalispell and Great Falls International Airport, by Amtrak at East Glacier, Essex and West Glacier (Belton), and by motorcoach via U.S. Highways 2, 89 and 93 (from Canada drive Alberta Highways 2, 5 or 6).

For information about sight-seeing service and the park's trip lease program see page 2. Minimum time: One day. Admission: $1.00 per person between the ages of 16 and 62.

For more information, contact park headquarters:

Superintendent
Glacier National Park
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5441

Beargrass is abundant in Glacier National Park

Many Glacier Hotel overlooks Swiftcurrent Lake

Guided Tours:

Tours can be arranged aboard 1936 rollback-top scenic "red busses." The tours are narrated, and are entertaining as well as informative. The cost for tours vary depending on the length of the trip. Group rates are available. For more information, contact:

Glacier Park, Inc.
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-5551 (Mid-May to mid-September)

Greyhound Tower - Station 5510
Phoenix, AZ 85077
602-248-6000 (Mid-September to mid-May)

Scenic and Whitewater Float Trips:

Whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips on the Middle Fork, North Fork and main Flathead rivers, part of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River System, are available along Glacier's boundaries. Trips range from half-day to five days, including lunch and dinner floats. Group rates are available. For more information, contact:

Glacier Raft Company
P.O. Box 264
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5541

Great Northern Float Trips
P.O. Box 278
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-387-5340

Park River Tours
417 Haskill Basin Road
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-5794

Wild River Adventures
P.O. Box 272
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5539 (May 15-October 1)
406-442-7809 (October 1-May 15)

Boat Rentals and Tours:

Daily scenic cruises of Glacier's most popular and accessible lakes await visitors. Many of the cruises are accompanied by park rangers. Special tours for groups can be arranged. The launch "International" operates on Waterton Lake and provides transportation from Waterton town site in Canada to Goat Haunt Ranger Station in the U.S. Cruises last from 45 minutes to 2 hours, depending on the lake. Tours operate on a regular schedule from mid-June to mid-September, but can vary depending on weather conditions. Small rental boats are available on major lakes as well. For more information, contact:

Glacier Park Boat Co.
44 Woodland Ave.
Kalispell, MT 59901
406-752-2609

Waterton Inter-Nation Shoreline Cruise Company, Ltd.
P.O. Box 126
Waterton, Alberta, Canada TOK 2MO

Lake McDonald Boat Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 446
Libby, MT 59923 (October-May)
or
West Glacier, MT 59936 (June-September)

Trail Rides:

From one hour to one day, explore Glacier by horseback. For more information, contact:

Rocky Mountain Outfitters, Inc.
55 Ainley Lane
Kalispell, MT 59901

Backcountry Tours:

Hike and backpack with a guide among the lakes and peaks of Glacier's backcountry. Join a group or have a trip made especially for you, from 2 days to 2 weeks. Equipment available for rent. For more information, contact:

Glacier Wilderness Guides
P.O. Box 535
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5333

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK: AMERICA'S OLDEST AND LARGEST

Furious volcanic explosions, crashing waves of ancient seas, grinding of immense glaciers, shuddering of earthquakes, wind and rain, storm and fury, fire and ice. Great natural forces worked together to create Yellowstone National Park, and the seething primal heat of the planet is still nearer the earth's surface here than anywhere else. The first white man to see Yellowstone was mountain man John Colter whose reports of the park's natural wonders were ridiculed as lies. Exploration parties verified reports of spouting geysers, boiling springs, thundering waterfalls and gaping canyons. In 1872, Congress established Yellowstone as the first national park in the world. Old Faithful geyser is the most famous of Yellowstone's 10,000 hydrothermal features. Yellowstone Falls plunges into the 1200-foot-deep Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Wildlife wanders through expansive meadows in the nation's largest preserve.

Three of the park's five entrances are in Montana at West Yellowstone (U.S. 287), Gardiner (U.S. 89) and Cooke City (U.S. 212). West Yellowstone's jetport provides commercial airline service during the summer months. Year-round airline connections are available at Billings, Bozeman and Butte.

The park is also open during the winter for skiing, snowmobiling and snowcoach tours.

Accommodations include four lodges, an inn, three hotels, cabins and extensive campground facilities. (For rates and information, see page 46.)

The park's summer season generally runs from May 1 to October 31. During the winter months, Yellowstone is open from December 15 to March 15. Minimum time: One day. Admission $2 per person between the ages of 16 and 62.

For more information, contact park headquarters:

Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7381

Or the concessionnaire:

TW Services, Inc.
Yellowstone Park Division
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7901
800-421-3401

Guided Outdoor Activities offered by TW Services, Inc.

STAGECOACH RIDES

Visitors may board an authentic Concord stagecoach for an exciting ride through the rolling sagebrush country surrounding Roosevelt Lodge. The stagecoach will pause long enough to rest the horses and allow for pictures. Rides depart from the Roosevelt corrals several times daily and last 45 minutes. Season of operation is approximately June 10 - September 9. Admission charged.

OLD WEST COOKOUTS

Enjoy a delicious steak dinner cooked outdoors and served under tall pines. Cookout site can be reached by horse-drawn wagon, stagecoach or horseback. Horses depart Roosevelt corrals each evening at 4:30 and stagecoaches and wagons depart at 5:30. All guests return to the corrals by 7:30. Season of operation is approximately June 10 - September 9. Admission charged. Breakfast cookouts are also available.

SCENICRUISER RIDES

Boats depart Bridge Bay Marina several times daily for a leisurely cruise on Yellowstone Lake. This one-hour commentated tour includes a trip around Stevenson Island. Season of operation is approximately June 15 - September 23. Admission charged.

Outdoor Activities:

CRAZY MOUNTAIN COMPANY
P.O. Box 216
Emigrant, MT 59027
406-333-4779 or 406-222-7185

Whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips on the Yellowstone River ranging from 1-hour to overnight. Lunch and dinner trips available. Also guided hikes and cross-country ski trips. Group rates on request, complimentary trip for tour escort.

MOUNTAIN WHITEWATER, INC.
P.O. Box 262
Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-4613 or 406-848-7777

Half-day and full-day whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips on the Gallatin and Madison Rivers. Lunch trips available. Group rates on request, complimentary trip for tour escort.

YELLOWSTONE RAFT COMPANY
Box 46
Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7777 or 406-995-4613

Whitewater and scenic raft trips on the Yellowstone River from Gardiner, at the north entrance to Yellowstone Park and on the Gallatin River at Big Sky. Exclusive whitewater trip through Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness Area on the Madison River. Licensed for fishing. Inflatable kayak trips are also available. Half-day, full-day and evening barbecue trips. Group rates on request, complimentary trip for tour escort. Can accommodate groups up to 150 on the Yellowstone River.

ALDER GULCH: MONTANA'S GOLD RUSH REVISITED

Montana's historic Alder Gulch, once the hub of Montana Territory, is now among the state's major tourist attractions. Widely respected for the authenticity of the restoration work carried out by the Charles Bovey family, Virigina City and Nevada City attract thousands of visitors each year traveling between Yellowstone and Glacier national parks.

Located only a mile apart on Montana Highway 287 in southwestern Montana, Virginia City and Nevada City are only 85 miles — about an hour and a half — north of Yellowstone.

Original buildings, dating from the Territorial days, are filled with merchandise and implements used when gold camps flourished in the West. Boardwalks, mechanical music machines, a penny arcade, antique automobiles and even a two-story outhouse add to the Old West atmosphere. An old livery stable has been converted to an opera house where the illustrious Virginia City Players, Montana's first and foremost professional summer troupe, bring the house down every night during the summer with 19th century melodrama, comedy and variety shows. During the third weekend of every July, barbershop singers from throughout the west come to Virginia City to stage their annual Mid-Summer Glow. Wherever four of them are gathered that weekend, whether it be in a dining room or on the boardwalk, there is harmony.

Travel between the two mining camps on the Alder Gulch Short Line Railroad. At the Nevada City end of the line, visit the Alder Gulch Short Line Steam Railroad Museum with its collection of equipment and stock from railroading's gold rush era.

Dine in the Wells Fargo Coffee House or the Star Bakery and bend an elbow in the Bale of Hay Saloon or Gilbert's Brewery. Modern, overnight accommodations in a charming, 19th century atmosphere are available.

Virginia City and Nevada City are open for tours between mid-June and mid-September. For overnight stops, groups are advised to arrive between 2 and 4 p.m. and can be on their way by 8 a.m. the following day. Luncheon tours need three hours. All groups are greeted by a tour hostess. Minimum time: Two hours. Admission charged.

For more information, contact:

The Bovey Restoration
Box 338
Virginia City, MT 59755
406-843-5377

ALDER GULCH RIVER OF GOLD
Mining Museum and Gift Shop
2203 Choteau
Helena, MT 59601
406-443-3173

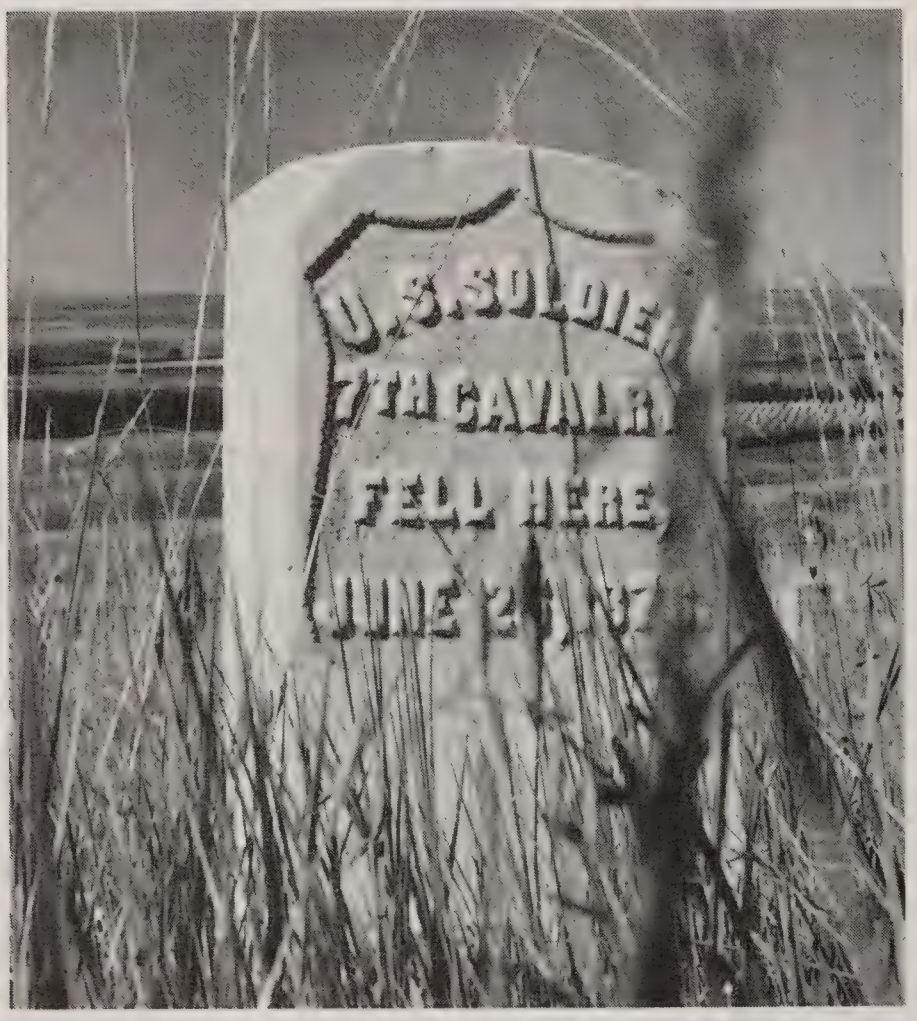
Located in Nevada City, Alder Gulch River of Gold offers gold mining by panning, rocking or washing in a sluice box. Cost is $7.00 per bucket of gravel. Assistance with panning is available.

The Virginia City Players offer melodrama and comedy

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD: SITE OF CUSTER'S LAST STAND

When the once expansive frontier became too small for both Indians and whites, the Northern Plains tribes and the U.S. Government fought battle after battle to win dominion of the West. The most famous of these battles was fought June 25, 1876, when Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and his entire command of 225 suffered death and humiliating defeat at the hands of an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. More than 100 years have passed, but the site of "Custer's Last Stand" continues to illustrate an important part of America's western heritage.

The actual battlefield and much of the surrounding land have been preserved as a national monument. Here you will walk along the bluffs that hid the huge Indian encampment from Custer's troops. Here, you will see the memorial that marks the common grave of the dead. Here, with the help of park rangers, you will study the ill-fated strategy of the 7th Cavalry. A Visitor Center with museum exhibits and interpretive events will round out your understanding of the famous battle. Refer to the Escort Notes section of this publication for a detailed description of Custer's Last Stand.



Headstone marker stands in memory of soldiers who fell at Custer's Last Stand

There are no camping, picnicking or overnight facilities at the Custer Battlefield National Monument.

The battlefield lies within the Crow Indian Reservation in southeastern Montana. The nearest towns are Crow Agency, 2 miles north, and Hardin, 18 miles north. The nearest city, Billings, is 65 miles northwest. The battlefield lies between Billings and Sheridan, Wyoming, on I-90. It can also be reached from the east on U.S. 212, which connects the battlefield to the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

The battlefield is open year-round. Summer hours are 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. During the winter, the battlefield is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Special tours, by arrangement, for groups. Minimum time: One hour. Admission $1.00 per person.

For more information, contact:

Superintendent
Custer Battlefield National Monument
P.O. Box 39
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2621

BIG HOLE BATTLEFIELD

Shortly before dawn on August 9, 1877, about 800 Nez Perce Indians, including 125 warriors, were suddenly awakened by gunfire as they slept in their tipi encampment along the Big Hole River. Colonel John Gibbon, with a force of 182 men, had succeeded in sneaking up on and attacking the unwary Nez Perce, who for two months had been attempting to evade pursuing U.S. Army forces. Stunned as they were, the warriors rallied and quickly took up sniper positions. The Army left itself exposed to fire from the side and rear. Colonel Gibbon was forced to order a retreat by 8 a.m. His men waded back across the river, and due to the Indians capturing the Army's howitzer, they were beseiged for nearly 36 hours, without food and water or means to care for their wounded. Chief Joseph gathered his people together and hurriedly led them southward. The Nez Perce had successfully evaded the Army again, but this time the encounter had broken their spirit. They realized they would be pursued no matter where they went in the American West.

The battlefield is located 12 miles west of Wisdom on Montana Route 43.

Visitor center includes exhibits from the Nez Perce war period. Trails in the area allow for a better view of the battlefield.

Open daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. the rest of the year. Minimum time: One hour. Admission - $1.00 per person. For more information contact:

Superintendent
Big Hole Battlefield National Monument
Box 237
Wisdom, MT 59761
406-689-3155

Visitor Center at Big Hole Battlefield

CITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

ANACONDA

Location: Southwestern Montana, 9 miles off I-90 west of Butte
Population: 11,500
Information: Anaconda Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 757 (59711)
406-563-2400

This town sprang up when the giant Anaconda Copper Mining Company of Butte needed a smelter for its vast amounts of copper ore. "Copper King" Marcus Daly chose the site in 1883 because of the ample supply of water and limestone nearby. The city was first called Copperopolis and later was named after the mining company. In 1980, the Anaconda Company shut down its smelter operation in Anaconda, putting an end to her historic economic base. The idle smokestack, which can be seen from the interstate, stands over 585 feet high and measures 86 feet in diameter at the base. The stack was named by the 1985 Legislature as a state monument and is the tallest free-standing masonry structure in the world.

BIGFORK

Location: Northeast shore of Flathead Lake
Population: 1,080
Information: Bigfork Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237 (59911)
406-837-5888

This year-round resort hamlet and artists haven is nestled on picturesque Bigfork Bay. The unhurried pace of village life provides leisurely opportunities for strolling and shopping. Arts and crafts shops, galleries, rock and woodworking shops delight the browsers. Located in the community is the impressive and challenging Eagle Bend Golf Course. Bigfork is the gateway to the 91-mile Seeley-Swan Highway - Montana Route 83. "The Swan" runs between two majestic mountain ranges past pristine lakes and heavily wooded slopes.

Cherry blossoms on Flathead Lake

Boat Tours:

THE FAR WEST
P.O. Box 248 (59911)
406-837-4391

Enjoy Flathead Lake aboard the Far West, a two-level cruise boat with a capacity of 200 people. Scheduled daytime cruises last 90 minutes. Special cruises include sunset cruises, brunch cruises, a Montana BBQ Cruise and a Fiesta Night Cruise. Charters can be arranged to all points of the lake from any suitable docking location. Full catering and live music is available for private charters.

Summer Theaters:

BIGFORK SUMMER PLAYHOUSE
526 Electric Avenue
P.O. Box 456
Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-4886 or 406-837-6843

This summer stock theater produces Broadway musicals in repertory. Their fast-paced, light singing, dancing and acting provide great family entertainment. Performing Late June to Labor Day, Mon.-Sat., 8:30 p.m. Past performances include "Hello Dolly," "Annie Get Your Gun," "Mame," "Oklahoma!" and "Paint Your Wagon." Reservations must be made in advance.

Outdoor Activities:

FLATHEAD LAKE LODGE
Box 248 (59911)
406-832-4672

Nestled on a secluded bay with a backdrop of majestic mountain ranges, Flathead Lake Lodge is a deluxe guest ranch operated by the same family for over 40 years. The ranch combines a western atmosphere with that of a lake resort. Groups can enjoy a western barbecue on an outdoor patio or in a covered pavilion overlooking the lake. Boat cruises are also available and a rodeo show may be arranged with advance notice.

HOLLAND LAKE LODGE
Highway 83, Milepost 35
Box 2083
Condon (59826)

Holland Lake Lodge, located on the edge of a clear alpine lake, offers rowboats and canoes for rent. The rustic log lodge features a full-service bar and comfortable lounge and dining room overlooking the lake. Meals can be ordered from the menu or special outdoor barbecues and picnics on the lawn can be arranged. Horseback riding is also available.

BIG SKY

Location: 18 miles north of Yellowstone on U.S. 191
Population: 400 permanent residents
Information: Contact any of the following tour suppliers for complete information on the Big Sky area.

The scenic community of Big Sky lies nestled high in mountain meadows; surrounded by timber land, the Spanish Peaks Primitive Area and the Gallatin National Forest. Majestic 11,166-foot Lone Mountain towers over this paradise, where in 1969, Chet Huntley, the late newscaster, and a group of corporate investors purchased some ranchland. Chet loved his native Montana and wanted to contribute to its tourism industry by establishing a year-round resort with complete lodging and recreational facilities. Today, Big Sky is a thriving community with a major resort, many fine motels and guest ranches, rafting companies, horse operations and fine dining establishments.

Attractions:

SOLDIERS CHAPEL
U.S. 191 at Big Sky
c/o Dorothy Vick
Box 142, Canyon Route
Gallatin Gateway (59730)
406-995-4292

This small church of native stone and logs was built as a memorial to the fallen soldiers of World War II, and to serve the spiritual needs of the ranchers and families living in the Gallatin Canyon and their many summer visitors. Its great picture window offers a breathtaking view of Lone Mountain. The chapel is open daylight hours from May 1 - September 30. Visitors are always welcome. Regular services are held on Sunday mornings and special services can be arranged. This is an ideal picture stop for all groups traveling on U.S. 191.

Outdoor Activities:

BIG SKY OF MONTANA RESORT
Big Sky of Montana
P.O. Box 1 (59716)
406-995-4211

Conceived and developed by the late Chet Huntley, this year-round resort offers nordic and alpine skiing, an 18-hole Arnold Palmer golf course, tennis courts, scenic sky lift ride, ice skating, guided nature walks, sleigh rides and hay rides with evening cookouts and hourly horseback rides. The sales staff at Big Sky can assist you in arranging all the above activities.

BUCK'S T-4 BEST WESTERN
P.O. Box 895 (59716)
406-995-4111

Originally established as a hunting camp in 1946, Buck's T-4 has grown into a modern motel and entertainment complex. Hourly horseback rides are available. Also all-day rides including lunch. Group rates on request.

BUFFALO HORN OUTFITTERS
The 320 Ranch
Gallatin Canyon (59730)
406-995-4283

All day horse rides and hay ride dinners are available at this charming guest ranch. Group rates on request.

JAKE'S HORSES
Box 191, Canyon Route
Gallatin Gateway (59730)
406-995-4630

Horseback rides ranging from one-hour to full day. Also dinner ride to a steak fry. Group rates on request.

LONE MOUNTAIN RANCH
P.O. Box 145 (59716)
406-995-4644

This superior guest ranch, famous for gourmet dining, offers haywagon and sleigh rides to a back country cabin for an evening meal complete with live western music. Group rates available on request.

Also see raft companies listed under Yellowstone National Park.

BIG TIMBER

Location: Southcentral Montana on I-90
Population: 3,400
Information: Big Timber Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1012 (59011)
406-932-5462

Big Timber's name came from the large cottonwood trees that grew along the bank of the creek near town. An abundance of grasses and flowering plants spurred development of livestock ranches and honey-bee hives. Big Timber is the center of a vast sheep-producing area and was the site of Montana's first woolen mill. It is also the gateway to the Beartooth Wilderness Area and has some of the best blue ribbon trout fishing in the state.

BILLINGS

Location: Southcentral Montana near the junction of I-90 and I-94
Population: 100,000
Information: Billings Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2519 (59103)
406-245-4111

Billings is Montana's largest city and the financial center of Montana's energy industry. Shielded on the north by the Rimrocks, Billings was established in 1882 with the coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Two years later the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad arrived and further boosted the economy. Today it is a major shipping center for cattle and other agricultural products. The METRA, a 12,000-seat events center hosts the NILE rodeo, held each year in October. The Yellowstone Exhibition is held in August.

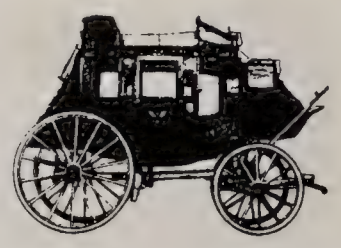
Attractions:

PICTOGRAPH CAVES STATE MONUMENT
7 miles S.E. of Billings, off I-90
c/o Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Parks Division, Helena (59620)
406-444-3750

Located in the sandstone outcroppings of the Bitter Creek Valley, this state monument preserves the remains of a prehistoric culture 5,000 years old. Among the most interesting things to be seen in the caves are the ancient paintings found on the back walls. This major archaeological site has interpretive panels which describe how man utilized this environment to fulfill his needs. Some steep grades on trails to caves.

Open daily May 1 - November 1, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

Pictograph Caves State Monument near Billings



WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER
2822 Montana Avenue (59101)
406-256-6809

This regional museum contains historic and cultural exhibits, presents classes and workshops, and hosts lectures, films and musical programs. Ethnic and folklife festivals are held throughout the year.

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

YELLOWSTONE ART CENTER
401 N. 27th Street (59101)
406-259-1869

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, this regional art center has six galleries featuring regional and national historic and contemporary art exhibitions. Lectures, concerts and films are a regular part of the programming. Museum shop open during regular hours

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday, noon - 5 p.m. Thursday 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Closed January. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: one hour. Free admission.

BITTERROOT VALLEY

Location: Highway 93, Southwestern Montana
Population: 11,400
Information: Bitterroot Valley Chamber of Commerce
105 East Main Street, Hamilton (59840)
406-363-2400

The Bitterroot Valley extends along U.S. Highway 93 from Missoula to the Idaho line including the communities of Stevensville, Victor, Corvallis, Hamilton and Darby. Because of its location between the Bitterroot Range and the Sapphire Mountains, the climate in this corner of the state is more moderate than the rest of Montana. Hamilton is the business center for this beautiful area. The valley was named for the Bitterroot plant (Montana's state flower) that grew here profusely when Lewis and Clark first saw it.

Attractions:

ST. MARY'S MISSION
South Charlo's Street - Stevensville
P.O. Box 211, Stevensville (59870)
406-777-5734

Historic St. Mary's Mission was established by Father DeSmet in 1841 as Montana's first church. The mission was closed in 1850 and not reopened until 1866. At that time the mission church, which still stands today, was erected. The mission church remained in use until 1954 when a new church was built. The present mission grounds include the church, the priests' quarters, the pharmacy and the cemetery. The pharmacy now houses many artifacts, most of which were actually used at the mission. The stained glass windows of the new church depict the history of the mission.

Open May 1 - September 30, 10 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission.

St. Mary's Mission was Montana's first church

RAVALLI COUNTY MUSEUM
Bedford and Third Streets, Hamilton (59840)
406-363-3338

The museum is located in the former Ravalli County Courthouse which is listed on the National Register of Historic Buildings. Memorabilia, relics and antiques dating from 1841 through the 1930's is on display with focus on regional history. Some highlights are the complete Rocky Mountain Lab Tick Fever display, Indian relics and the Apple Boom 1910-1926. Hours: Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday 2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

THE DALY MANSION
Eastside Highway
P.O. Box 744, Hamilton (59840)
406-363-1781

"Copper King" Marcus Daly (pronounced daily) moved to the Bitterroot Valley in the late 1800s and established a stock farm and the community of Hamilton. 1987 marks the first opening of the Daly home to the public in 46 years. The three story Georgian style brick building, completed in 1910, contains 52 rooms, including 34 bedrooms! The 50 acres of grounds are filled with unique and rare foliage, a green house, servants quarter and the "doll house," a 3/4 size Victorian playhouse for the children.

Open daily, year round. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission charged.

Outdoor Activities:

LOST TRAIL SKI AREA
P.O. Box 191, Darby (59829)
406-821-3211

Perched on the Montana-Idaho state line 50 miles south of Hamilton on U.S. 93, Lost Trail ski area receives an average of 300 inches of snow each year. Lost Trail is open Thursday through Sunday and holidays and serves mainly beginning and intermediate skiers. Two double chair lifts and two rope tows can accommodate 900 skiers per hour. Facilities on the mountain include a day lodge, ski rental shop, ski school and ski patrol. Group rates are available. Open December through May 1.

BLACKFEET INDIAN RESERVATION

Location: 15 miles east of Glacier National Park at Jct. of U.S. 2 and 89
Population: 1,200
Information: Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
Browning (59417)
406-338-7511

Browning is the agency headquarters for the one-and-one-half-million-acre Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Although the majority of the reservation Blackfeet today live much like the residents of any Western community, they have maintained many of their cultural traditions. Painted tipis, colorful feather headdresses and beaded deerskin costumes are used on special occasions such as the North American Indian Days celebration held each July. The resort communities of St. Mary and East Glacier Park are located on the eastern edge of Glacier National Park.

Attractions:

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN
Junction of U.S. 2 and 89
P.O. Box 400, Browning (59417)
406-338-2230

The Museum of the Plains Indian exhibits the creative achievements of the Native American artists and craftsmen of the United States, past and present. There is a permanent exhibit and two special exhibition galleries devoted to changing presentations. The Museum's sales shop offers a wide variety of authentic, contemporary Native American arts and crafts.

Open daily, June - September, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. October - May, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission.

MUSEUM OF MONTANA WILDLIFE AND HALL OF BRONZE
Junction of U.S. 2 and 89
P.O. Box 172, Browning (59417)
406-338-5425

Bob Scriver, nationally known sculptor, is the owner and curator of this museum, which houses wildlife exhibits, dioramas,

30 large John Fery oil paintings of Glacier Park and Bob Scriver's original bronze sculptures.

Open daily May - September, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Group rate available.

BOZEMAN

Location: I-90 90 miles north of the entrance to Yellowstone National Park
Population: 24,000
Information: Bozeman Convention and Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box B (59715)
406-586-5421

In 1864, John Bozeman led a wagon train over the Bozeman Pass into the Gallatin Valley, where his friends W. J. Beall and D. E. Rouse staked out the townsite for the City of Bozeman. Located in this beautiful mountain-surrounded valley only 90 miles from the entrance to Yellowstone National Park, Bozeman has become one of Montana's major tourist and agricultural centers. Another important part of this thriving community is Montana State University. Established in 1893 as Montana State College, MSU has become the largest unit of the Montana University system, with some 10,000 students. MSU offers a diversified curriculum with emphasis on engineering and agricultural studies. The MSU Fieldhouse, which seats 13,000, is the site of the College National Finals Rodeo each June. Other annual events include the Montana Winter Fair in January and the Sweet Pea Festival in August. Bozeman is an important winter recreation area with two major ski areas nearby. Bridger Bowl is located 16 miles north of town and Big Sky of Montana is 45 miles south.

Attractions:

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES
South 7th and Kagy Blvd.
Montana State University (59717)
406-994-2251

This museum on the Montana State University campus houses objects of historic and cultural importance from the northern Rocky Mountains. Displays include dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs unearthed in Montana, Plains Indian artifacts, pioneer exhibits, Western art and "hands on" exhibits.

A new exhibit at the museum is a two-story log homestead house, built in 1889 in Willow Creek and moved some 30 miles to the museum site.

A major expansion is planned to be completed in 1988. The new addition will include a planetarium; paleontology, ethnology and history buildings; and a glass-enclosed courtyard.

Open Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Sunday, 1 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Closed Mondays Labor Day - Memorial Day. Summer hours - daily, 9 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission. Donations accepted.

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK
17 miles west of Three Forks - off U.S. 10
Box 648, Whitehall (59759)
406-287-3541

Montana's first and best-known state park features one of the largest limestone caverns in the Northwest. Filled with an endless variety of beautiful, colored formations, these spectacular caverns are electrically lighted and safe to visit. Guided tours take about two hours, including time for a leisurely walk along the paved trail leading from the visitor center to the entrance. The entrance trail is 3/4 mile long with a 300-foot-rise. Visitors are also required to walk another 3/4 mile inside the caverns, including 500 stairs down and 100 stairs up, plus 1/2 mile back to the visitor center. Many places inside the caverns require low stooping.

The PARADISE TOUR provides an easier option for senior citizens and those with limited time. This tour includes a walk out the exit trail (1/2 mile) and enters the Caverns through the exit, visiting the last, most beautiful and largest room in the Caverns. The tour covers level ground, with a few stairs in the Paradise Room. Total round trip of 1 mile takes approximately 1-1 1/2 hours.

Open daily May 1 - June 14, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 15 - Labor Day, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Labor Day - September 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Special group rate for groups of at least 15 making reservations two weeks in advance - $1.00 Adult.

Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park near Three Forks

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK
Off I-90 near Three Forks
c/o Fish, Wildlife and Parks Department
Parks Division, Helena (59620)
406-444-3750

The Lewis and Clark Expedition came upon this junction of rivers on July 27, 1805, and named the three forks of the Missouri River. They named the eastern fork for Albert Gallatin, Secretary of the Treasury; the middle fork for James Madison, Secretary of State, and the western fork for Thomas Jefferson, President of the United States. The Headwaters park has historical exhibits, interpretive signs, scenic view points, picnic areas and hiking trails.

Open all year, daylight hours. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission.

Outdoor Activities:

BRIDGER BOWL
15795 Bridger Canyon Road (59715)
406-586-2787 or 587-2111

Tucked into the mountains just 16 miles northeast of Bozeman, Bridger Bowl ski area offers lots of luxurious powder snow known as "cold smoke" by those who ski it regularly. The variety of terrain is terrific, from steep rock-walled chutes to long, gentle slopes, wide open powder bowls to knee-deep moguls. Five double chair lifts and three restaurants, a bar, ski school, ski sales and rentals and a ski patrol. Open Thanksgiving to mid-April. Special group rates are available.

CROSSCUT RANCH
P.O. Box 398 (59715)
406-587-3122

Old-fashioned hayrides and barbecues on this ranch nestled at the foot of the Bridger Mountains. Also horseback rides ranging from one-hour to full-day with lunch and dinner rides available. In winter there are groomed cross country ski trails and sleigh rides.

BROADUS

Location: Southeastern Montana on U.S. 212
Population: 712
Information: Powder River Commercial Club (59317)
406-436-2834

Broadus is located just west of the Powder River, whose name was heard world wide from the American soldiers' yell, "Powder River, let 'er buck." Powder River has been described as a mile wide and an inch deep, too thin to shovel and too thick to drink. But, the river does support both irrigation and recreation.

Mac's Museum is located in the high school building. It contains one of the nation's greatest collections of sea shells, minerals and Indian artifacts, including a display of arrow and spear points from every state. The museum is open Monday-Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and tours are available by appointment. Free admission.

BUTTE

Location: Junction of I-90 and I-15 in southwestern Montana
Population: 37,000
Information: Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Avenue (59701)
406-494-5595

An insignificant gold camp in 1864, Butte (pronounced byoot) almost became a ghost town as its shallow placers played out. But a few hardy prospectors stayed on, and in the early 1870s, Butte boomed again with the discovery of large deposits of silver ore. Marcus Daly came to Butte when the rich strikes of 1874 were reported. Instead of silver, he found the richest vein of copper known. The vein was 50 feet wide, and Daly became the head of one of the world's most powerful monopolies, the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. By 1900, the Butte Hill and its huge copper deposits had become known as "the richest hill on earth." There are some 250 miles of streets on the surface of the hill, and more than 3,000 miles of corridors and tunnels underground. A worldwide slump in the copper market closed down mining operations in 1983.

Attractions:

ARTS CHATEAU
321 West Broadway (59701)
406-723-7600

Built in 1898, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Arts Chateau was originally the home of Charles Clark, eldest son of "Copper King" William Andrews Clark. The stately curved stairway leads the guest from the first floor galleries to the second floor period museum and on up to the fourth floor ballroom! Striking stained glass windows, intricate moldings and the use of woods from throughout the world are an impressive setting for the Chateau's many exhibits.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 12 p.m. - 4 p.m. in winter, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. in summer. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission for senior citizens. $1.00 for adults..

BERKELEY OPEN PIT MINE
Continental Drive
c/o Butte Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Avenue (59701)
406-494-5595

Prior to the suspension of mining operation in 1983, the Berkeley Mine was the largest truck-operated pit mine in the United States. Visitors to Butte can view the mine from a platform located above it. A recorded message at the viewing site explains the mining operations which occurred at the site.

Platform is open 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. from June to Labor Day. Minimum time: 15 minutes.

COPPER KING MANSION
219 W. Granite Street (59701)
406-782-7580

From the intimate billiard room to the 62-foot long ballroom, this 32-room red brick mansion typifies Victorian elegance. Built by Senator William A. Clark, its many rooms have frescoed walls and ceilings, paneled and trimmed with many fine woods.

The Mansion is also available for private parties, receptions, meetings and teas.

Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Guided tour lasts 45 minutes. Group rate: $3.50 Adult.

MINERAL MUSEUM
Montana Tech Campus, West Park St.
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology (59701)
406-496-4414 or 406-496-4172

Approximately 1,300 mineral specimens are on display at the Museum. These include cryptomelane from Philipsburg, Montana, and quartz from Switzerland. A display of fluorescent minerals is exhibited in a separate room.

Open daily, June - Labor Day, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Open weekdays 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. the remainder of year and Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

WORLD MUSEUM OF MINING AND HELL ROARIN' GULCH
West Park and Granite Street
c/o Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Avenue (59701)
406-494-5595

This unique attraction features unusual indoor and outdoor exhibits containing thousands of articles common to the mines and miner's way of life. Hell Roarin' Gulch is a reconstructed turn-of-the century mining camp with cobblestone streets. Buildings to be found here include a general store, assay office, saloon, drug store and soda fountain, just to name a few.

Open daily, June - Labor Day, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Rest of the year, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Closed December - February. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

The World Museum of Mining in Butte

Guided Tours:

OLD NO. 1
c/o Butte-Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Avenue (59701)
406-494-5595

Hop on this replica of an early-day streetcar for a tour of uptown and downtown historic Butte. The trolley can accommodate 30-35 passengers for a 90-minute tour. Tour departs from the Chamber of Commerce office four times daily, including an evening trip. June - Labor Day. Group rate available. Special tours can be arranged from April 1 - October 31.

CHOTEAU

SEE TETON TRAIL VILLAGE UNDER GREAT FALLS

COLUMBIA FALLS

Location: Off U.S. 2, 17 miles west of Glacier National Park
Population: 3,100
Information: Columbia Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 312 (59912)
406-892-2072

Columbia Falls is located at the majestic entrance to Badrock Canyon and is the incorporated community nearest to Glacier National Park's western entrance and to Hungry Horse Dam. Activities in the immediate area include fishing, horseback riding, swimming, biking, hiking, skiing, rafting and snowmobiling. The prime industries are Plum Creek Lumber and other smaller mills and C-Fac aluminum plant.

Outdoor Activities:

MONTANA CARRIAGE COMPANY
7457 Highway 2 East (59912)
406-892-3133 or 406-892-3178

Builders of high grade horse drawn vehicles such as carts, buggies and sleighs, Montana Carriage Company is dedicated to preserving the driving horse industry. Tours are welcome.

SHADOW VALLEY RANCH
7200 Highway 2 East (59912)
406-892-5363 or 406-892-5370
Saddle horse rental. Ride through the Rockies or along the Flathead River. Reservations are suggested.

MIDDLE FORK OUTDOOR RECREATION
P.O. Box 395, Martin City (59926)
406-387-5556

Half and full day snowmobile rentals. Ride on groomed trails with or without a guide. Mid-week discounts.

Snowmobiling is a thrilling way to experience winter splendors

BIG SKY WATERSLIDE
Junction of Hwy. 2 and 206
P.O. Box 2311 (59912)
406-892-5025 or 892-2139

Montana's first water park offers an exciting time for both beginner and expert. Sliding down a series of bends, drops, twists and turns is a relaxing and exhilarating experience. Your speed is controlled by your body position, so whatever your skill level you can enjoy it. There are nine slides ranging from gentle mini-slides to exciting giant slides, a huge whirlpool, video arcade, showers and changing rooms with lockers.

Open weekends mid-May - June 15, daily June 15 - September 1, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Group rates available.

Attractions:

HOUSE OF MYSTERY
Highway 2 East
P.O. Box 500
Hungry Horse (59919)
406-892-4550 or 406-892-2474

One of the few areas in the world where the natural laws of physics are bent, if not broken altogether. Montana's only vortex.

HUNGRY HORSE DAM
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Hungry Horse (59919)
406-387-5241

Federal dam located between Columbia Falls and Glacier National Park. Special guided tour of this hydro-electric power plant can be arranged. Tour begins at the top of the dam and lasts approximately 45 minutes. Self-guided tour also available.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Free admission.

WILLOWS HONEYBERRY FARM
Highway 2 East
Hungry Horse (59919)
406-387-5564

Buffalo barbecues and square dances are a specialty. Gift shop with "Made in Montana" berry jams, jellies, syrups and preserves, and a large selection of various honeys.

CUT BANK

Location: Northwestern Montana, U.S. 2, east edge of Blackfeet Reservation
Population: 3,700
Information: Cut Bank Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1243 (59427)
406-873-4041

The town began in 1891 when the Great Northern Railroad pushed west to Kalispell. Cut Bank was an early-day cattle empire. The population jumped from 845 in 1939 to 4,539 in 1960 when oil and gas fields were discovered and continued to produce. Gas piped from this region is used in the homes of Great Falls, Helena, Butte and Anaconda. Cattle and grain continue to be a mainstay in the economy of Cut Bank.

Attractions:

GLACIER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
321 3rd Avenue S.E.
P.O. Box 576 (59427)
406-873-5765

Unique to the museum are outdoor displays depicting original oilfield machinery, early railroad history, 1800's homestead-

ing life, and a turn of the century school building. Open weekdays, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Minimum time: one hour.

DEER LODGE

Location: Southwestern Montana on I-90
Population: 4,000
Information: Deer Lodge Chamber of Commerce
300 Main Street (59722)
406-846-2094

In the 1850s, Johnny Grant settled in the Deer Lodge Valley and established what was to become one of the largest ranching operations in the country. Along with its thriving agricultural economy, Deer Lodge was also selected as the site for the Montana Territorial Prison, which opened its doors in 1871. The Northern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1883 and Deer Lodge was the end of the line for immigrants heading west.

Attractions:

OLD MONTANA PRISON
1106 Main Street (59722)
406-846-3111

In operation from 1871 to 1979, this site has served as a federal, territorial and finally, a state penitentiary. It is comprised of 12 historic structures, most built by convict labor near the turn of the century, and is surrounded by a high sandstone wall. One of the best preserved penitentiaries in the nation, visitors get a good feeling of what the prison was like by viewing the cell block, maximum security cells and some of the support buildings.

Guided tours last 1-1½ hours. Some stair-climbing. Open daily, (summer, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., spring and fall, 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.), tours conducted hourly. Self-guided tours year-round. Minimum time: 1½ hours on guided tour, 45 minutes on self guided tour. Group rate - $3.20.

TOWE FORD MUSEUM
1106 Main Street (59722)
406-846-3111

This is the second most complete Ford collection in the world. Here the visitor can trace the development of the automobile from 1903 to the 1960s. There are 80 cars on display, including over 20 Lincolns and Henry Ford's personal Lincoln camper. There are also two Fordson tractors, a Stanley Steamer, an Auburn, a Cadillac, a Crosley and a Nash. All vehicles are either original or authentically restored.

Open daily during summer months, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m. Winter hours, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, noon - 5:30 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission charged.

YESTERDAY'S PLAYTHINGS, A DOLL AND TOY MUSEUM
1106 Main Street (59722)
406-846-3111

On display in this museum are over 600 dolls and many toys dating from the 1850s to the present. The dolls are arranged in order of genre, construction and age. All are dressed in original clothing or accurate reproductions. Included in the collection are Madame Alexander dolls, artist dolls, ethnic dolls, advertising dolls, Indian Dolls, doll houses and toys of every description and age.

May 1 - September 30, daily, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Minimum time: 20 minutes. Group rate: $1.60.

SEE GRANT-KOHRS RANCH UNDER MAIN ATTRACTIONS

DILLON

Location: I-15, 65 miles north of Idaho border
Population: 4,000
Information: Dillon Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 830 (59725)
406-683-5511

Dillon is the seat of Beaverhead County, Montana's largest county. Dillon began as an important shipping point from Utah to the gold fields of Montana. The Utah and Northern Railroad reached Dillon in the fall of 1880, but the town was named for the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, Sidney V. Dillon. Sheep were introduced to this rich agricultural valley in 1869, and at one time Dillon was the largest wool shipping point in Montana. The first cattle were brought to the valley in 1865 and they, too, have played a major role in Dillon's development. The Montana Normal College was established in Dillon in 1892 and is now called Western Montana College. Dillon celebrates "Montana's biggest weekend" with the annual Jaycee Labor Day Rodeo and Beaverhead County Fair.

Attractions:

BANNACK STATE PARK
Off Secondary Hwy. 278 west of Dillon
4200 Bannack Rd., Dillon (59725)
406-834-3413

Bannack was the site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862. Abandoned since 1938, Montana's oldest town and first territorial capital is an excellent example of historic frontier camps and mining towns. Most buildings are of wood frame and log construction. All are typical of the frontier boom town era. A walking tour of this ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's Gallows, the Hotel Meade and the Masonic Temple and School. There is a Visitor Center with interpretive displays and video programs.

Take I-15 south of Dillon to milepost 57, then travel northwest on Secondary Route 278, 21 miles. The last few miles of road are unpaved, but in good condition. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

Shown in its heyday, the Hotel Meade still stands at Bannack State Park

FORSYTH

Location: Junction of I-94 and U.S. 12
Population: 2,553
Information: Forsyth Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 448 (59327)
406-356-2115

Forsyth, county seat of Rosebud County, is located on the banks of the Yellowstone River. It was named for General James H. Forsyth, the first U.S. Army officer to land by steamer at the site of the present town. The Rosebud County Pioneer Museum offers a glimpse of the past with its many historical photos and items used by area settlers. The museum is open mid-May - mid-September, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Attractions:

COLSTRIP VISITOR CENTER
6200 Main Street
P.O. Box 1080, Colstrip (59323)
406-748-3746

The Visitor Center has video presentations of the Rosebud Surface Coal Mine, Colstrip Power Generating Plants and the Colstrip town site. There are regularly scheduled tours of the Rosebud Mine. Memorial Day - Labor Day, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Winter, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Group tours are welcome, but must provide their own transportation. Minimum time: 1½ hours. Free admission.

FORT BENTON

Location: U.S. 87, 42 miles northeast of Great Falls
Population: 1,700
Information: Fort Benton Community Improvement Assoc.
P.O. Box 313 (59442)
406-662-5254

Fort Benton's significance in the early settlement of Montana is immeasurable. No other town played such a prominent role in the opening of the Northwest from 1860-1887. As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, Fort Benton was an important overland connection.

Lewis and Clark Memorial at Fort Benton

Attractions:

LEWIS AND CLARK MEMORIAL
c/o John Lepley
817 Main Street (59442)
406-622-3278

This life-size sculpture of Lewis and Clark, Sacajawea and her papoose, by Montana artist Bob Scriver, overlooks the Missouri River. A tour of the memorial explains the project, the sculpture and the history and significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition.

Available to see all year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

FORT BENTON LANDMARK DISTRICT
c/o John Lepley
817 Main Street (59442)
406-622-3278

This historic landmark district includes the interiors, as well as exteriors, of several buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. The Fort Benton Museum depicts Missouri River history with 500 photos and dioramas of Fort Benton. Tour also includes a walk along the historic steamboat levee.

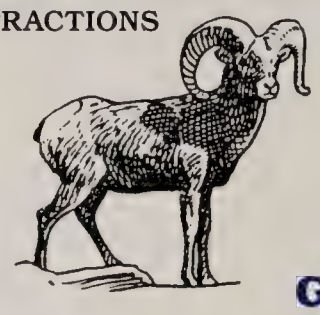
Museum is open mid-May to November, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time to visit landmark district: Two hours. Free admission.

GARDINER

Location: North entrance to Yellowstone National Park
Population: 600
Information: Gardiner Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 81 (59030)
406-848-7681

President Theodore Roosevelt visited Gardiner in 1903 to dedicate the arch made of basaltic rock through which travelers could go on their way to the "Yellowstone Wonderland." The arch is enscribed with the words, "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of All People," a quote taken from the Congressional Act which made Yellowstone a national park in 1872. At one time the Northern Pacific Railroad brought visitors to Gardiner where they could meet the stagecoaches that would carry them throughout the park. Today, Gardiner is open year round to serve fishermen, hunters, skiers, snowmobilers and all park visitors.

SEE YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK UNDER MAIN ATTRACTIONS



GLASGOW

Location: Northeastern Montana on U.S. 2, north of Fort Peck Lake
Population: 4,400
Information: Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 832 (59230)
406-228-2222

Established in 1887 during the building of the Great Northern Railroad, Glasgow was named in honor of Glasgow, Scotland. The sleepy little shipping station for cattle, sheep and grain woke up when construction began on Fort Peck Dam in 1933. The Glasgow Air Force Base was an important part of the community from 1955-1968. The town of Fort Peck, planned and built by government engineers, is located 18 miles south of Glasgow.

Attractions:

FORT PECK DAM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 208, Fort Peck (59223)
406-526-3411

Fort Peck Dam is one of the world's oldest and largest hydraulic earthfill dams - an earthen structure that stretches across the Missouri from bluff to bluff, a distance of over 4 miles. Fort Peck Lake has a shoreline of over 1,600 miles. Museum at dam site includes fossils of dinosaurs, armored fishes and swimming reptiles, as well as artifacts from old Fort Peck.

Open daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day, 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Guided tour lasts one hour. Maximum of 20 persons per tour.

Summer Theater:

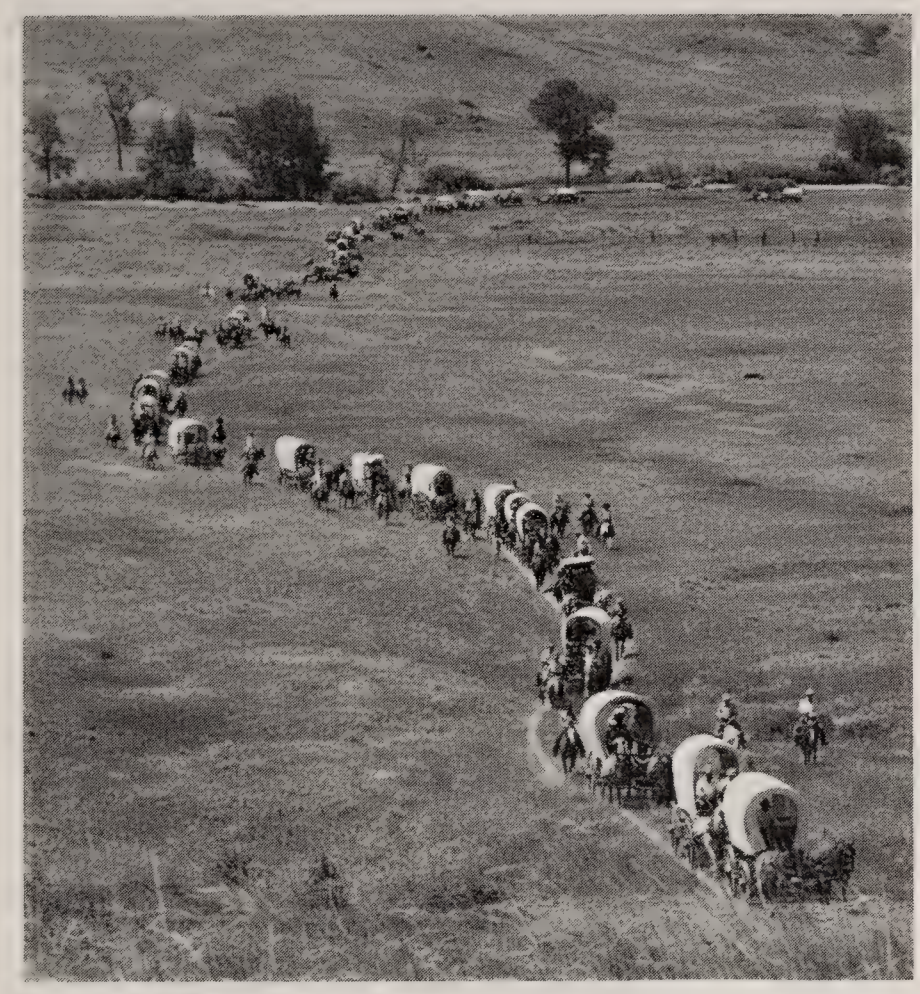
FORT PECK SUMMER THEATRE
Montana Route 24, Fort Peck
Box 973, Glasgow (59230)
406-228-2317

Performances are held in the 1,200-seat Fort Peck Theatre each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, June through August. Past performances include: "I Do! I Do!," "Oklahoma!" "The Odd Couple," "Fiddler on the Roof," "Camelot" and "Barefoot in the Park."

Outdoor Activities:

MONTANA WAGON TRAIN ADVENTURES
Claude Saylor's Ranch
P.O. Box 10
Brusett, MT 59318
406-557-6150

Take covered wagons or saddle horses — as you prefer — through Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge near Fort Peck Reservoir. Steak frys, fiddlin', and singin' around the campfire plus horse wrangling if you want to. Side trips to old homesteads, outlaw camps, buffalo jumps and dinosaur diggings or a boat trip on the lake, fishing and swimming. Maximum 50 people.



Wagon trains offer a unique way to enjoy the great outdoors

GLENDIVE

Location: I-94, 35 miles from North Dakota
Population: 6,000
Information: Glendive Chamber of Commerce
Box 930 (59330)
406-365-5601

Glendive is the trading and shipping center of an area that produces sugar beets, grain and forage crops. Energy exploration and development is a growing force in Glendive's economy.

Attractions:

MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK
3 miles S.E. of Glendive off I-94
c/o Chamber of Commerce
Box 930 (59330)
406-365-5601

Weird formations sculptured by wind and water can be seen from turnouts which overlook a broad vista of badlands. The deep gorges, rugged cliffs, haystack buttes, spires and "toadstool" formations resulted from millions of years of erosion. The Sioux Indians called this place Makoshika (pronounced ma-KO-shi-ka), meaning "bad earth" or "bad land." Many fossils have been found in the Makoshika badlands. Over 10 species of dinosaurs, including the flesh-eating Tyrannosaurus rex, have been identified.

Open daily, April - November, daylight hours. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

GREAT FALLS

Location: West central Montana at Jct. of I-15, U.S. 87 and 89
Population: 58,250
Information: Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2127 (59403)
406-761-4434

Known as the "Electric City" because of its numerous dams and powerplants, Great Falls is Montana's second largest city and a thriving community. Great Falls was an important stop for Lewis and Clark who, in 1805, discovered and named the Great Falls of the Missouri about 12 miles down-river from the city. It was here, too, that famed western artist Charles M. Russell chose to live and work. Today, Great Falls is the site of Malmstrom Air Force Base, the center of our nation's first Minuteman Missile Complex. Located in the center of some of Montana's largest wheat farms, agriculture also plays an important role in this community. Major events that draw visitors to Great Falls are the PRCA Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo in January, the C.M. Russell Auction of Original Western Art in March and the State Fair in July.

Attractions:

CHARLES M. RUSSELL ORIGINAL STUDIO AND HOUSE
12th Street and 4th Avenue North
c/o Charles M. Russell Museum and Gallery
400 13th Street North (59401)
406-727-8787

This is the former home and studio of Montana's famous cowboy artist Charlie Russell. Preserved as it was in the early 1900s, the studio includes displays of Russell memorabilia. Guided tour available through house.

Open June 1 - Labor Day, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Winter hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

CHARLES M. RUSSELL MUSEUM AND GALLERY
400 13th Street North (59401)
406-727-8787

Visit a living museum for a legendary man and view one of the nation's finest collections of Western art and history in spacious, modern surroundings. The Trigg collection is the nucleus of the museum's permanent Russell acquisitions. Highly personal and unique, it shows the wide scope of Russell's works and talents. Some of the most popular exhibits are his illustrated letters, which feature Russell's original spelling, entertaining illustrations and down-to-earth humor and philosophy. Besides Russell's oils, watercolor, sketches and bronzes, the museum has outstanding pieces from Russell contemporaries: Seltzer, Sharp, Heikka, Couse and others. The museum shop offers many unique gifts such as jewelry, original Indian beadwork and fine Western books.

Open May 15 - Labor Day, Monday - Saturday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Winter hours Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Group rate - $1.00 Adult.

GIANT SPRINGS STATE PARK
4 miles NE of Great Falls
c/o Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2127 (59403)
406-761-4434

Located four miles northeast of the city on Missouri River Drive, Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. First discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, the springs flow at a measured rate of 316,300,000 gallons every 24 hours - a veritable underground river. Lovely picnic grounds and a state fish hatchery are adjacent to this attractive site.

Open daily year-round. Minimum time: One-half hour. Free admission.

GREAT FALLS OF THE MISSOURI

Many visitors to the city ask, "Where are the Great Falls?" There are actually several waterfalls on the Missouri. The "Great Falls" are now the site of Ryan Dam. Take Highway 87 north from Great Falls and follow the signs to Ryan Dam. The dam is operated by Montana Power Company and arrangements can be made to use their clubhouse facility and outdoor picnic area. Crooked Falls and Rainbow Falls remain almost in their original state and can be viewed from River Drive just outside the city. Black Eagle Falls can be seen from River Drive enroute to Giant Springs State Park.

MONTANA COWBOY'S ASSOCIATION MUSEUM
311 3rd Street Northwest (59401)
406-761-9299

The Cowboys Museum takes a real look at what Montana was like during the days of those unsung heroes — the cowboys, stockmen and pioneers. The museum is an authentic log cabin with double fireplaces and hitching posts. Inside it is filled with Old West relics — branding irons, rawhide ropes, ox yokes. Over 500 mementos are on display. Call or write for hours. Free admission.

PARIS GIBSON SQUARE
1400 1st Avenue North (59401)
406-727-8255

The Center for Contemporary Arts is housed in the historic Paris Gibson, named for the founder of Great Falls. The center includes art exhibitions, the Cascade County Historical Society museum, a gift shop and luncheon area.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission, donations accepted.

TETON TRAIL VILLAGE
North end of Choteau on U.S. 287
P.O. Box 919, Choteau (59422)
406-466-5332

The village houses an old-fashioned ice cream parlor, antique shop, Indian bead shop and jewelry store, gingham shop, Western museum and an art center. The museum has been dubbed the "Home of the Baby Dinosaur" because its owners discovered the fossil remains of seventeen baby duckbill dinosaurs near Choteau in 1978. A casting of one dinosaur is on display in the museum.

Open daily, Mid-May - mid-September, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission - donations accepted.

Outdoor Activities:

MONTANA RIVER OUTFITTERS
1401 5th Avenue South (59401)
406-453-8459

Whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips ranging from two hours to full-day. Rivers include the Missouri, Smith, Dearborn, Sun, Blackfoot, Clark Fork and Yellowstone. Lunch and dinner trips available. Group rates on request, complimentary trip for tour escort.

A number of Montana outfitters offer memorable scenic and white water floats

CANYON VIEW 777 GUEST RANCH
Stockett (59480)
406-736-5611 or 736-5409

Enjoy hayrides, sleighrides or trail rides. Breakfast, dinner, a steak fry or Pitchfork Fondue may be included. Photography trips, guided hunting and riding lessons are also offered. Maximum 40 people.

HAMILTON

SEE BITTERROOT VALLEY

HARDIN

Location: I-90, 43 miles southeast of Billings
Population: 3,300
Information: Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture
Route 1 Box 1206 A (59034)
406-665-1672

Located where the Big Horn and Little Bighorn Rivers converge on the edge of the Crow Indian Reservation, Hardin is the county seat of Big Horn County. The town is surrounded by productive ranches and farms, including the largest wheat farm in the world. Coal mining has also contributed greatly to the local economy.

Attractions:

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
I-90, Exit 497
Rt. 1 Box 1206 A (59034)
406-665-1671

The museum buildings include a 1911 farmhouse, a log cabin and a church. Displays include a farm exhibit and rotation exhibits of the cultural past and the military involvement in the area. Picnic lunches can be catered by local restaurants. The air conditioned visitor center contains a wide selection of books pertaining to area history and many gift items.

Open June 1 - August 31, Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., Sunday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.; September - October, Tuesday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Sunday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; November - May, Tuesday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission.

SEE CUSTER BATTLEFIELD UNDER MAIN ATTRACTIONS

HAVRE

Location: Northcentral Montana on U.S. 2
Population: 12,000
Information: Havre Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 308 (59501)
406-265-4383

Founded in 1891, Havre (pronounced HAV-er) was one of the "cow towns" of the Old West. Cowboys from the big cattle outfits in the area used it as a trading center and a place to "hole up" for the winter. Today, Havre is the home of Northern Montana College and is an important commercial center on the "Hi-Line." Self-guided walking tours of historic sites in downtown Havre are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

Attractions:

H. EARL CLACK
MEMORIAL MUSEUM
West Havre
Box 1675 (59501)
406-265-9641

Located on the Hill County Fairgrounds, just west of Havre, the H. Earl Clack Museum gives an accurate picture of the history and development of Havre and the Hi-Line area. The museum features an archaeological excavation of a buffalo jump site and a follow-up to the buffalo kill, explaining it in detail. Four dioramas grace the museum, one by the nationally known artist, Bob Scriver of Browning. Tour of the buffalo jump and butchering area are given each Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m.

Open daily May 15 - September 15, 9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

HELENA

Location: Western Montana at Jct. of I-15 & U.S. 12
Population: 46,400
Information: Helena Chamber of Commerce
201 E. Lyndale (59601)
406-442-4120

Helena (pronounced HEL-ah-na) owes its existence to the gold discoveries in Last Chance Gulch by four prospectors in the summer of 1864. The discovery of placer gold, quartz gold and silver, as well as lead, created an overnight boom town. In 1875, Helena became the capital of Montana Territory. When Montana became a state, the fight for location of the state capital pitted "Copper King" Marcus Daly and Anaconda against rival William A. Clark, who supported Helena. Helena won, and in October 1898, ground was broken for the new Capitol. Helena, still the seat of Montana's state government, is famous for more than government and politics. Every year, visitors are drawn by the Last Chance Stampede and Rodeo and the Western Rendezvous of Art.

Attractions:

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA
Corner of Lawrence and Warren
530 North Ewing Street (59601)
406-442-5825

The Cathedral of St. Helena was constructed at the turn of the century through the effort of Thomas Cruse, a wealthy miner. It is patterned after the great cathedral in Vienna, Austria and is richly decorated with European stained glass windows, white marble altars and statues and genuine gold leaf. There is an audio historical tour of the building provided at no charge. Mass is conducted daily.

Open daily, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. in summer months. Special tours for groups - small fee for this. Minimum time for tour: One hour.

FRONTIER TOWN
15 miles west of Helena on U.S. 12
P.O. Box 836 (59624)
406-442-4560

This authentic log and rock village, sitting high atop the Continental Divide, is furnished with real objects of the frontier. Inside the main building is a gift shop, bar and dining room. The furniture is all handmade from logs held together with wooden pegs. The bar itself is constructed from a single Douglas fir log over 50 feet long and originally weighing some six tons. The dining room, with its mammoth fireplace, capped by a 50,000-pound mantle rock, can accommodate bus tours easily for a meal stop.

Open daily April 1 - October 31, 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. Special tours can be arranged for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission charged, or buy a $3.00 Frontier Town coin that gains you admission and is redeemable for its full value in the gift shop, bar or dining room.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
225 N. Roberts (59620)
406-444-4697

Founded in 1865, the Montana Historical Society is the state's oldest institution. One of the country's most important collections of Charles M. Russell art is on view in the new Mackay Gallery; the life and work of noted photographer F. Jay Haynes are depicted in the Haynes Gallery; and another new gallery features changing exhibits. The Montana History exhibit is temporarily closed for renovation. The state archives, historical library, and the publication office of *Montana the Magazine of Western History* are also in the building. A comprehensive bookstore featuring books on Montana and the West, Charles M. Russell prints and various gift items is located in the lobby area.

Open daily during the summer, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday and holidays. Winter hours, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. closed Sunday. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S MANSION
304 N. Ewing
c/o Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts (59620)
406-444-2694

Constructed in 1885 for wealthy industrialist W. A. Chessman, this building served as the Helena home for Montana governors from 1913 to 1959. It contains 20 rooms and seven fireplaces, all restored to turn-of-the-century elegance and furnished with antiques. Tours are conducted on a regular basis and concentrate on the history of the house and its furnishings and also include the Mansion's carriage house during warm weather.

Open June - August, Tuesday - Sunday, Noon - 5 p.m. September - May, Tuesday - Saturday, Noon - 5 p.m. Special tours can be arranged. Tours last 40 minutes. Free admission.

Original Governor's Mansion in Helena

REEDER'S ALLEY
121 Reeder's Alley
P.O. Box 316 (59624)
406-449-2872

Built in the late 1800s, this complex of brick buildings was constructed to house miners working the gold claims on "the Gulch." Today, it houses a variety of unique shops featuring Made in Montana products and quality gifts from around the world. Also housed in the complex is a Victorian-styled restaurant, a more informal "Garden Room," a fast food refreshment emporium and a Visitor Center. Reeder's Alley is located next to The Pioneer Cabin, an old miner's log cabin.

Shops open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m., restaurant open 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Free admission.

STATE CAPITOL
Montana Avenue and Sixth Avenue
c/o Montana Historical Society, 225 N. Roberts (59620)
406-444-2694

On a gentle slope, surrounded by 10 acres of spacious lawns and other State buildings, Montana's Capitol looks north over the beautiful Prickly Pear Valley. The building is constructed of Columbus limestone and granite. A statue depicting Liberty sits atop the copper dome. A walk through the Capitol will allow you to view many beautiful paintings, including Charles M. Russell's magnificent historical depiction of Lewis and Clark meeting the Indians at Ross' Hole on September 5, 1805. The main section of the Capitol was completed in 1902.

Tours conducted Memorial Day - Labor Day, hourly. Duration of tour: 40 minutes. Free admission.

MONTANA EXECUTIVE RESIDENCE
2 Carson Street (59601)
406-442-1262

Tour the official residence of Montana Governor Ted Schwinden. Open to the public 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Free admission.

Gates of the Mountains near Helena

Guided Tours:

GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS BOAT TOURS
16 miles north of Helena off I-15
P.O. Box 478 (59624)
406-458-5241

This area was named by Captain Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Towering cliffs appeared to block the way up the Missouri River. As they neared the cliffs and changed directions, the cliffs seemed to pull apart like a huge gate. This spectacular gorge is reached only by boat or trail. Ninety-passenger excursion boats operate from Hilger Landing and make a stop at the Meriwether Picnic Ground. You may stay for as long as you like at the picnic area and catch another excursion boat back.

A new tour boat was recently put into operation. The "Hilger Rose" is intended to be the main vessel for group tours. It has seating for 49 passengers in an enclosed, climate-controlled cabin with a restroom on board.

Tours operate on a regular schedule from Memorial Day - Labor Day. Charter service available for groups of 20 or more. Minimum time: 2 hours. Group rate: $3.00 Adult.

LAST CHANCER TOUR TRAIN AND LAST CHANCER II
c/o H. Lee Holmes
3860 McHugh Drive (59601)
406-443-3189

The tour train and open bus feature narrated tours of the city which are informative and entertaining. The tour begins at the Montana Historical Society and covers most of the major points of interest in the city. Carroll College, the Pioneer Cabin, the Old Fire Tower and the elegant 19th century mansions constructed by Helena's wealthy miners and merchants are just a few of the things one can see on this tour.

Tours operate daily June 1 - September 15 and depart from the Historical Society at 8:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Duration of tour: One hour. Group rate: $2.00 Adult.

Community Theater:

GRAND STREET THEATER
325 North Park Avenue (59601)
406-442-4270 - information
406-443-3311 - reservations

Live dramas and broadway musicals are performed year-round in the historic Grand Street Theater. Plays begin at 8 p.m. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Past performances include "Fiddler on the Roof," "West Side Story," "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," "Pippin," "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Oklahoma!" and "On Golden Pond."

KALISPELL

Location: Northwest Montana at junction of U.S. 2 and U.S. 93
Population: 23,000
Information: Kalispell Convention and Visitors Bureau
P.O. Box 978 (59901)
406-755-6166

Kalispell, located in the beautiful Flathead Valley, is fortunate to have one of the most diversified economies in Montana. Situated near Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake and Big Mountain ski area, tourism is big business here. Due to the mild climate and abundant precipitation, the Kalispell area not only produces livestock and grain crops, but also such moisture-loving crops as sweet cherries, seed potatoes, Christmas trees and peppermint. Another important industry is wood products. Kalispell is a lively and friendly town with many festive events throughout the year.

Attractions:

GLACIER HORSE RANCH
3530 Hwy. 2 East (59901)
406-257-8105

Located near the Glacier Park International Airport in a beautiful wooded setting, the Glacier Horse Ranch can provide a truly Montana experience for visitors. Groups can enjoy buggy rides, horse exhibitions in an indoor or outdoor arena, then walk through the immaculate horse barn and peek into the stalls of the majestic Arabians which are bred here. Montana delicacies, such as Rocky Mountain oysters and campfire pie, can be served around an open fire or groups can enjoy some Western entertainment and a full breakfast, lunch or dinner. Prices vary according to activity.

HOCKADAY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
Second Avenue East and Third Street
P.O. Box 83 (59901)
406-755-5268

Housed in the old Kalispell City Library, a classic structure built in 1904 by the Carnegie Foundation, this facility has been renovated to include three exhibition galleries, a dark room, ceramics studio and classroom space. In addition to monthly exhibits, the Hockaday sponsors such groups as the Spokane Symphony, Shakespeare in the Park and the Montana Repertory Theatre.

Open Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Group rate — $1.00 per person.

CONRAD MANSION HISTORIC SITE MUSEUM
130 East Idaho Street
P.O. Box 1195 (59901)
406-755-6558

This 23-room mansion was designed by the famed architect Kirtland Cutter in 1895 as the home of E. C. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River freighter and founder of the City of Kalispell. All rooms have been completely furnished in Victorian antiques.

Open daily May 15 - October 15, 9 a.m. - 8 p.m. Tour of the mansion lasts 30 minutes. Group rate: $4.00 Adult, $1.00 Child.

The Conrad Mansion in Kalispell

LAUREL

Location: I-90, 15 miles west of Billings
Population: 5,481
Information: Laurel Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 395 (59044)
406-628-8105

Located at the junction of I-90 and U.S. 212, Laurel serves as one of many gateways to Yellowstone National Park. Many area settlers were of German descent, and in 1973, the residents of Laurel began an annual Herbstfest, after the traditional German celebration. The Chief Joseph Monument on the outskirts of Laurel rests where the famous Nez Perce chief passed, leading his tribe toward Canada in 1877.

Attractions:

OSCAR'S DREAMLAND
Between Billings and Laurel on Shiloh Road
3100 Harrow Drive, Billings (59102)
406-245-4598 or 406-656-0966

Situated on 300 acres, this is the world's largest private collection of farm artifacts. The collection includes over 500 major units of steam, gas and horsedrawn machinery. There is also an old-time main street of restored buildings.

Open May - October, daily, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Special tours for groups by arrangement. Minimum time: Two hours. Admission charged. Group rates available.

LEWISTOWN

Location: Center of Montana at junction of U.S. 87, 191 and Montana 200
Population: 7,100
Information: Lewistown Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 818 (59457)
406-538-5436

Situated in the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post on the Carroll Trail between Helena and the mouth of the Musselshell River. Today it is surrounded by large cattle ranches and wheat farms and is still a major trading center.

LIBBY

Location: Extreme northwestern Montana at junction of U.S. 2 and Montana 37
Population: 4,000
Information: Libby Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 704 (59923)
406-293-3832

In this mountainous northwest corner of the state, abundant with forests, the lumber industry provides over half of the employment in the area. A festive event held here each year is Libby Logger Days. The spacious, modern Heritage Museum provides an ideal stop for groups. Another interesting site to visit is the large sawmill.

Attractions:

ROSS CREEK SCENIC AREA GIANT CEDARS
Off Montana 56, south of Bull Lake
c/o Troy Ranger District
P.O. Box E, Troy (59935)
406-295-4693

This 100-acre scenic area is home to a grove of giant, ancient Western Red Cedars. Some of these trees grow up to 12 feet in diameter and 175 feet in height. The largest tree is estimated to be over 500 years old. A .9 mile graveled trail leads through the cedars and descriptive signing is in place for self-guided tours. The trail is very easy to walk. The grade is flat and there are several cedar foot bridges spanning Ross Creek. Benches are placed along the trail for rest and extended observation. The road into the Cedars area is paved, but is narrow and winding.

Open all day, June 1 - October 15. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

Stroll among 500-year-old cedars at Ross Creek

Attractions:

MONTANA CITY "OLD TOWN"
Main Ave. Extension
P.O. Box 891 (59923)
406-293-9237

Historic Montana town life is recreated complete with the Gilded Cage Theatre, shops, offices and stores filled with early Montana artifacts. Open June through early September. Hours: 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission charged to theatre only. Minimum time: 2 hours.

Industrial Tours:

LIBBY DAM
17135 Highway 37 (59923)
406-293-5577

This multipurpose hydroelectric project spans the Kootenai River and forms 90-mile-long Lake Koocanusa. The lake is named for the first three letters of Kootenai, Canada and U.S.A. A visitor center contains exhibits that describe the construction of the dam, hydropower production and the natural history of the valley. The visitor center features a 77-seat auditorium where the award winning slide production, "Harmony," is shown. Guided tours of the dam and powerhouse leave from the visitor center and last about one hour.

Open Memorial Day - Labor Day, 9:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m., daily. Free admission. Minimum time - 1 hour.

LIVINGSTON

Location: I-90, 50 miles north of Yellowstone National Park
Population: 7,000
Information: Livingston Chamber of Commerce
1104 W. Park (59047)
406-222-0850

Livingston had its beginning in 1882, when the railroad arrived. Farming and mining were the economic mainstays in the early days. Later industries include fly-tying, lumber manufacturing and locomotive repair. Because of its location on the Yellowstone River, north of Yellowstone National Park, tourism is also a major industry here. On July 2, 3 and 4 of every year, Livingston hosts the rousing Livingston Roundup Rodeo.

Attractions:

PARK COUNTY MUSEUM "HOUSE OF MEMORIES"
118 West Chinook (59047)
406-222-3506

This local museum is housed in the former North Side School, built in 1907. Interior and exterior displays include the Bottler Corner, Pioneer Paraphernalia, Home of Yesteryear, Native Cultures, an original Yellowstone Park stagecoach, a sheep wagon and a Northern Pacific caboose.

Open daily June 1 - Labor Day, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Minimum time: One hour. Special guided tours for groups. Free admission.

SLEEPING GIANTS WILDLIFE MUSEUM AND ROCHE JUANE GALERIE
2 miles south on U.S. Hwy. 89
Rt. 62, Box 3110C (59047)
406-222-8719

This museum features a unique collection of North American big game animals in natural surroundings. The gallery houses a collection of fine art and sculpture. The complex also includes a gift shop, restaurant featuring buffalo burgers, sporting goods store, candle shop and a Made in Montana shop.

Open summer, 8:30 a.m. - 9 p.m., winter, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission charge to museum, gallery is free.

"YELLOWSTONE DAYS" EXHIBITION AT DEPOT CENTER
Livingston Depot Foundation
200 W. Park (59047)
406-222-2300

The historic Northern Pacific train depot has been restored to its original grandeur to accommodate a satellite exhibit on loan from the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Cody, Wyoming. Pieces in the exhibit, including Indian artifacts, western art and historic firearms, will illustrate the history of the area and Yellowstone National Park. The imposing brick structure resembles an Italian villa with its curved colonnade and rich terra-cotta ornament along the track side. The original interior was lavishly decorated with mosaic trim, terrazzo floor and wrought-iron ticket windows.

Open May - October. Group rate available.

MILES CITY

Location: Eastern Montana on I-94
Population: 9,100
Information: Miles City Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 730 (59301)
406-232-2890

The cavalry set up camp at the mouth of the Tongue River on the Yellowstone after the 1876 campaign of "rounding up hostile Indians." Their commanding officer was Colonel Nelson A. Miles and this camp was the beginning of Miles City. It soon became a stopping place on the long cattle drives from Texas. As the cattle industry became more important, it was fitting that the Montana Stockgrowers Association was formed here in 1884. The coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881 pre-determined that Miles City should become, and still is, a leading cattle market. Miles City is the home of a popular rodeo called the Bucking Horse Sale, held each year in May.

Attractions:

COFFRIN'S OLD WEST GALLERY
1600 Main Street (59301)
406-232-3076

This gallery houses the fine old collection of photographs by Montana's famous frontier photographer, L. A. Huffman. Huffman came to Montana Territory in 1878 to become Post Photographer at Fort Keogh, and later to open a studio in Miles City. This collection of photos is a magnificent pictorial history of that era from the last of the Indian Wars through the coming of the railroad and finally the cattlemen.

Open Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., all year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER
Water Plant Road
P.O. Box 1284 (59301)
406-232-0635

The Custer County Art Center is located in the former holding tanks of the old Miles City Water Works. The structure, built of reinforced concrete in 1914, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Two large exhibition halls accommodate an average of 20 exhibits in the visual arts that are of local, regional, national and international scope. Special lectures, demonstrations and workshops take place throughout the year. The Art Center is located in a park setting adjacent to the Yellowstone River.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., all year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes, if no special activities are planned. Free admission.

RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL HALL
Old Highway 10 West
P.O. Box 723 (59301)
406-232-6146

This museum occupies the site of an old Army cantonment built in 1876. Housed here is one of the finest collections of Western lore to be found anywhere. After the Army and buffalo hunting came the cattle and the cowboy, and that is the chronicle the Museum was built to portray. A visit to the museum will bring out the story of how these settlers lived and worked. Exhibits include guns, bits and spurs and Angora chaps.

Open daily, April 1 - September 30, 8 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: Two hours. Admission charged.

MISSOULA

Location: I-90 at junction of U.S. 93 in western Montana
Population: 33,400
Information: Missoula Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 7577 (59807)
406-543-6623

Missoula, situated on the banks of the Clark Fork River, is the home of the University of Montana. This 9,100-student campus has outstanding schools of pharmacy, law, forestry, journalism, education and business administration. The campus also includes the 22,000-acre Lubrecht Experimental Forest, northeast of the city. The University hosts many cultural events throughout the year. Marshall Mountain and Montana Snow Bowl ski areas provides winter recreation nearby.

Attractions:

AERIAL FIRE DEPOT
U.S. 10, 7 miles west of city
Box 6, Airport Terminal (59801)
406-329-4900

Smokejumpers are highly trained specialists who parachute into forested areas to fight the spread of wildfires. The largest training base for smokejumpers is located in Missoula. The visitor center at the Depot has pictures, murals, dioramas and motion pictures related to fire suppression. Guided tours are given of the parachute loft and training facilities.

Open June 15 - September 15, 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Duration of tour: One hour. Minimum time to visit depot without tour: 45 minutes. Free admission.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA
South Ave., 1 mile W. of Reserve St.
Building 322, Fort Missoula (59801)
406-728-3476

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula is located on 32 acres at the core of what was historic Fort Missoula (1877-1947). The Museum presents the history of Missoula County and western Montana in long-term and short-term exhibits. The site has 12 historic structures including a restored one-room school house and a Forest Service lookout. The sales shop features Made in Montana products. Festivals are held on Father's Day, July 4 and in October. Special programs are held year round.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, Noon - 5 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: One hour. Free admission.

Outdoor Activities:

MARSHALL MOUNTAIN
5250 Marshall Canyon Road (59802)
406-258-6619

Flanked on the northwest by Mount Jumbo and on the east by Marshall Ridge, Marshall Mountain ski area receives tons of snow every season. The area is located just seven miles from Missoula and caters mainly to beginning and intermediate skiers seven days a week with night skiing five nights a week. A triple chair, poma, T-bar and four rope tows can accommodate 2,900 skiers per hour. Facilities on the mountain include two day lodges, a snack bar, child care center, ski school, ski patrol and ski sales and rentals. Open late November to April. Group rates available.

WESTERN WATERS
333 Knowles Street (59801)
406-728-6161

Daily and extended white water and fishing trips. Rivers include the Clark Fork, Missouri, Yellowstone and Madison. Lunch and dinner trips available with home-cooked meals. Experienced with handicapped. All equipment provided. Capacity of 100 people.

POLSON

Location: U.S. 93 on south shore of Flathead Lake
Population: 2,800
Information: Polson Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 677 (59860)
406-883-5969

Polson is located in a natural amphitheater at the south end of Flathead Lake. This charming lakeside community is the trading center for one of Montana's most fertile farming areas. The Cherry Festival and Montana Fiddlers' Championships are held here annually.

Boat Tours:

FLATHEAD TOURS, INC.
P.O. Box 185
406-883-2448 or 800-332-7148

Boat tours of Flathead Lake on the Port Polson Princess depart twice daily and last approximately two hours. Boat is available for charter tours. Comfortable passenger accommodations include upper and main decks, with restroom facilities. Admission charged.

The National Bison Range near Moiese

Attractions:

NATIONAL BISON RANGE
30 miles south of Polson, off U.S. 93
Refuge Manager, Moiese (59824)
406-644-2211

Established in 1908, this 20,000-acre national wildlife refuge is home to some 500 American bison, or buffalo. The range

also maintains herds of elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope. In order to keep the herds in balance with their food supply, a number of each species must be removed each year. Surplus animals are rounded up and removed in October. All are sold alive for exhibition, propagation or butchering. A 19-mile scenic trip beginning and ending at the Range headquarters gives visitors the best opportunity to view wildlife. Headquarters can be reached from the south via Montana 200 by turning off onto Hwy. 212, a good, oiled road, and driving north to the main entrance at Moiese. Headquarters can be reached from the north by leaving U.S. 93 at a point 5 miles south of Ronan. From this junction, follow Hwy. 212, a good, blacktop road, for a distance of 14 miles to the Range entrance. A visitor center with exhibits and picnic area are at the headquarters.

Open daily, May 15 - October 15, during daylight hours. Minimum time: 1½ hours. Free admission.

St. Ignatius Mission north of Missoula

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION
Jesuit Mission, St. Ignatius (59865)
406-745-2768

The beautiful St. Ignatius Mission was built by Indian people and their missionaries in 1891 with local materials. The million bricks were made with local clay, the lumber was cut in the nearby foothills and the striking interior murals were designed and painted by Brother Joseph Carignano, the Mission cook. There are 58 murals in all, painted on the walls and ceiling. The original residence and chapel, built in 1854, are located next to the Mission Church. Inside a log cabin are exhibits of early artifacts, Indian arts and crafts and other historical items.

Open daily June - August, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

THE MIRACLE OF AMERICA STORY "MUSEUM"
Rt. 1, Highway 93 South (59860)
406-883-6804

This is a pioneer, patriotic and military museum. Pictures, graphics and artifacts in the educational display section explain the terrific advancement of America from the walking plow to walking on the moon.

Open Monday - Saturday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Sunday, 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. Minimum time: one hour. Admission by donation.

Summer Theaters:

PORT POLSON PLAYERS
Polson Country Club, Polson Golf Course
P.O. Box 1152
Polson, MT 59860
406-883-9212 or 406-883-4691

The Port Polson Players are known for their sophisticated comedy productions, using seasoned actors and actresses. Performing June - August, Wednesday - Sunday, 8:00 p.m. Past productions include "Barefoot in the Park," "Same Time Next Year," and "I Do! I Do!" Future productions will include "Play It Again, Sam," "Dames at Sea" and "Plaza Suite."

RED LODGE

Location:	U.S. 212, between Billings and Yellowstone National Park
Population:	2,000
Information:	Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce Box 998 (59068) 406-446-1718

Red Lodge is a resort and ranching community with a colorful coal-mining past. At one time, "Liver Eatin" Jeremiah Johnson was a sheriff in Red Lodge. This charming alpine town is nestled in the foothills of the magnificent Beartooth Mountains. Due to the proximity of Yellowstone National Park and Red Lodge Mountain ski area, tourism plays a key role in the economy. Red Lodge holds a nine-day Festival of Nations every August in honor of the many nationalities that settled here as miners. The community celebrates the 4th of July every year with its popular Home of Champions Rodeo.

Attractions:

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY
U.S. 212 between Red Lodge and Yellowstone National Park

It takes about 3 hours, by motorcoach, to travel the Beartooth Highway with some of the world's most breathtaking and magnificent mountain scenery at every turn. The Beartooth has been described as the most beautiful drive in America by CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt. The highway crosses Beartooth Pass at an elevation of 10,940 feet. The road is open to traffic approximately May 15 - October 15, but is closed during the winter months.

RED LODGE ZOO
North edge of town on Hwy. 212
P.O. Box 675 (59068)
406-446-1718

The original Red Lodge Zoo was open for 67 years and closed in 1983. After dedicated fund-raising in the community, the first phase of the new zoo plans to open July 1, 1987 with a petting zoo of traditional farm animals. The second phase, an exhibit of hoofed animals including bison and elk, may be opened later in the summer. Future exhibits will include mountain lion, grizzly bear, red fox and will be open as funding permits. The zoo will feature animals native to Montana, rather than exotic species.

Outdoor Activities:

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN
P.O. Drawer R (59068)
406-446-2503

The 25 miles of trails at Red Lodge Mountain ski area offers challenging skiing for every skier, from the seasoned expert to the anxious beginner. A triple chair, four double chairs and a mitey-mite can accommodate 6,690 skiers per hour. Facilities on the mountain include a saloon and cafeteria at the base lodge, a midway chalet serving food, beer and wine, a summit house, ski sales and rentals, ski school and ski patrol. Open late November to late April. Special group rates and packages available.

SCOBEY

Location: Northeastern corner of Montana
Population: 1,500
Information: Scobey Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 91 (59263)
406-487-5311

Scobey, the seat of Daniels County, lies 14 miles from the Canadian border in the heart of grain and cattle country. The Daniels County Museum and Pioneer Town will take you for a stroll down memory lane. The museum serves to preserve the pioneer heritage of the area. Authentically restored Pioneer Town includes a main street with many buildings from the homesteading area, including homesteader's shacks and homes, a dentist office, a blacksmith shop and the Dirty Shame Saloon. The museum's collection of steam tractors are highlighted at the Annual Threshing Bee and Antique Show, held in late June or early July. Museum is open Memorial Day - Labor Day.

SHELBY

Location: I-15, at junction with U.S. 2, 36 miles south of Canada
Population: 4,200
Information: Shelby Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 488 (59474)
406-434-2031

Shelby came into existence in 1891 when the Great Northern railroad moved westward, and quickly became a "cowboy" town. In 1922, oil was discovered in the fields north toward the Canadian border. Shelby was the site of the World Heavyweight championship fight between Dempsey and Gibbons, on July 4, 1923.

SIDNEY

Location: Junction of Montana 16 and 200, 8 miles from North Dakota
Population: 5,700
Information: Sidney Chamber of Commerce
909 S. Central (59270)
406-482-1916

This eastern Montana town is the center of a wheat and sugar beet producing area and a growing energy industry.

Attractions:

MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER
120 Third Avenue S.E.
P.O. Box 50 (59270)
406-482-3500

This museum and art center features a 16-unit turn of the century street scene, complete with boardwalks; Indian artifacts; the St. Cyr gun collection; and area artifacts and early photos. Two main art galleries house changing exhibits. Other displays include a horse-drawn sleigh, dinosaur bones, a Winchester rifle collection and 1906 Model N Ford.

Open daily, year-round, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. Minimum time: one hour. Free admission.

SUPERIOR

Location: I-90, 48 miles from Idaho border
Population: 1,054
Information: Superior Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 483 (5987)

Superior, county seat of Mineral County, is located along the Clark Fork River and the route of the old Mullan Trail. The Mineral County Museum and Historical Society houses exhibits explaining the rich history of this area of western Montana.

THREE FORKS

SEE BOZEMAN FOR ATTRACTIONS

VIRGINIA CITY

SEE ALDER GULCH UNDER MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

WEST YELLOWSTONE

Location: West entrance of Yellowstone National Park
Population: 760 permanent residents
Information: West Yellowstone Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 458 (59758)
406-646-7701

Known as the "Trout Fishing and Snowmobile Capital of the World," West Yellowstone is a thriving year-round community. Fly fishermen come from all over the world to test their skills in the blue ribbon trout streams surrounding the area. In winter, the town takes advantage of its generous snowfall by grooming hundreds of miles of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails and by hosting races in both sports. Many companies in West Yellowstone offer snowmobile and ski rentals. The town's large log and rock convention center can accommodate up to 1,000 for meetings and banquets.

Located only 30 miles from Old Faithful, West Yellowstone provides a viable alternative to those groups who wish to stay in the Yellowstone area, but not in the Park itself. Most of the 1,500 hotel/motel rooms have telephones and TV's and the town itself offers a variety of restaurants, shops and evening entertainment from which to choose.

Attractions:

MADISON CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA
U.S. 287, 20 miles west of U.S. 191
c/o Hebgen Lake District Ranger
P.O. Box 520 (59758)
406-646-7369

On the night of August 17, 1959, an earthquake measuring 7.1 on the Richter scale ripped through this area. Twenty-eight people lost their lives as the result of a landslide. One-half of a 7,600-foot mountain slid into the canyon below, damming the Madison River and creating Quake Lake. The Visitor Center, built on top of the slide, has on display photos of the area just after the earthquake, and a seismograph. There are regularly scheduled talks about the earthquake.

Open daily, Memorial Day - Labor Day, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Free admission.

MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE
124 Yellowstone Avenue
P.O. Box 411 (59758)
406-646-7814

The Union Pacific Depot, built between 1907 and 1909, now houses the Museum of the Yellowstone. Collections in the museum include rare, vintage portrait photographs of great Indian chiefs, rare Indian artifacts, such as clothing and weapons, authentic sabres, handguns and rifles used by the U.S. Cavalry; mountain man essentials like beaver traps and the Hawkin rifle, and wildlife dioramas. Adventure and documentary films of the Old West, Yellowstone Park, wildlife and Indian history are shown in the theater. A bookstore in the museum contains over 5,000 books on Western Americana and natural history.

Open daily, Memorial Day - October 15, 8:30 a.m. - 10 p.m. Minimum time: One hour. Group rate: $1.50 Adult.

Summer Theater:

PLAYMILL THEATRE
29 Madison Avenue (59758)
406-646-7757

College drama students present a variety of classic musicals, comedies and melodramas followed by a variety revue. Past performances include "Oklahoma!" and "Paint Your Wagon." Shows at 8 p.m., Monday - Saturday, Memorial Day - Labor Day. Admission charged.

WHITEFISH

Location: U.S. 93, 20 miles west of Glacier National Park
Population: 3,700
Information: Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1309 (59937)
406-862-3501

Nestled in the majestic Rocky Mountains on the shore of Whitefish Lake, this small, friendly Montana town offers the best in summer and winter recreation. A 27-hole golf course, bordering the lake, is beautiful and challenging, while nearby The Big Mountain Ski Area is a skier's paradise. The whole town gets into the spirit during the Whitefish Winter Carnival, celebrated each February.

Outdoor Activities:

THE BIG MOUNTAIN
P.O. Box 1215 (59937)
406-862-3511

This major Montana ski area offers 52 miles of excellent runs with splendid powder snow and lighted skiing 5 nights a week. Four triple chairs, two double chairs, a T-bar and a platter lift can accommodate up to 9,896 skiers per hour. Facilities on the mountain include lodging ranging from comfortable to deluxe, six dining rooms, a cafeteria, four bars, a ski school, ski patrol, ski sales and rentals, photographic shop, day care center and a grocery store. Open late November through April. Weekend specials, low season rates and group rates are available.

A number of first class ski areas make Montana a great winter destination

DIAMOND K CHUCKWAGON
5121 Highway 93 South
Whitefish (59937)
406-862-4242

Step back into the Old West. An authentic chuckwagon supper full of the western flavor and hearty goodness you'd expect. A unique western show of songs, stories, strummin', pickin' and fiddlin'. It's an honest-to-goodness good time your group will remember as one of the highlights of their Montana trip.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Location: Central Montana at junction of U.S. 89 and U.S. 12
Population: 1,302
Information: White Sulphur Springs Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 356 (59645)
406-547-3831

County seat of Meagher (pronounced mar) County, the town was named for white deposits around the hot sulphur springs that were found here. The Smith River Valley, with White Sulphur Springs as its trading center, was the home of prospectors working the lead and silver mines, but now relies on its ranching and timber industries. A prominent landmark on the hilltop overlooking town is "The Castle." The grey stone chateau-style structure, furnished with antiques, was built in 1892 as the home of a stockman and mine owner. It is open mid-May - mid-October, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. Admission is charged.

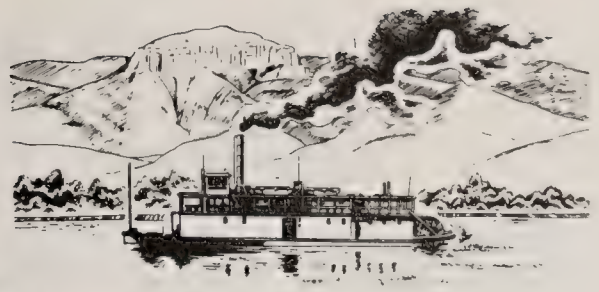
The Castle provides a taste of Old England in the Old West

Outdoor Activities:

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA
Box 92
Neihart (59464)
406-236-5522

Nestled high in the Little Belt Mountains 60 miles southeast of Great Falls, Showdown has twenty-eight ski runs covering 20 miles of challenging slopes. The area receives an average annual snowfall of 25 feet and is served by a triple chair, double chair, pomalift and rope tow. The lifts can accommodate 3,200 skiers per hour. Facilities on the mountain include a cafeteria, saloon, ski school, rental and pro shop. Open late November to mid-April, daily. Special group rates available.

WOLF POINT



Location: Northeastern Montana at junction of U.S. 2 and Montana 13
Population: 3,100
Information: Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237 (59201)
406-653-2012

During the colorful and romantic age of the grand Missouri River steamboats, Wolf Point was a refueling stop for the big wood burners. In 1885, the Great Northern Railroad pushed into Montana and the river boats were gone forever. Wolf Point's economy today is primarily agricultural, with large wheat farms and cattle ranches dotting the plains landscape. Montana's oldest rodeo, the Wild Horse Stampede, is held in Wolf Point every July.

Attractions:

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
220 2nd Avenue South (59201)
406-653-1912

This museum and art gallery, located downtown in the public library, features historic memorabilia of the Wolf Point area.

Open June 1 - September 1, Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Free admission.

SYMBOLS LEGEND

The symbols shown below indicate facilities and services available at Montana attractions.

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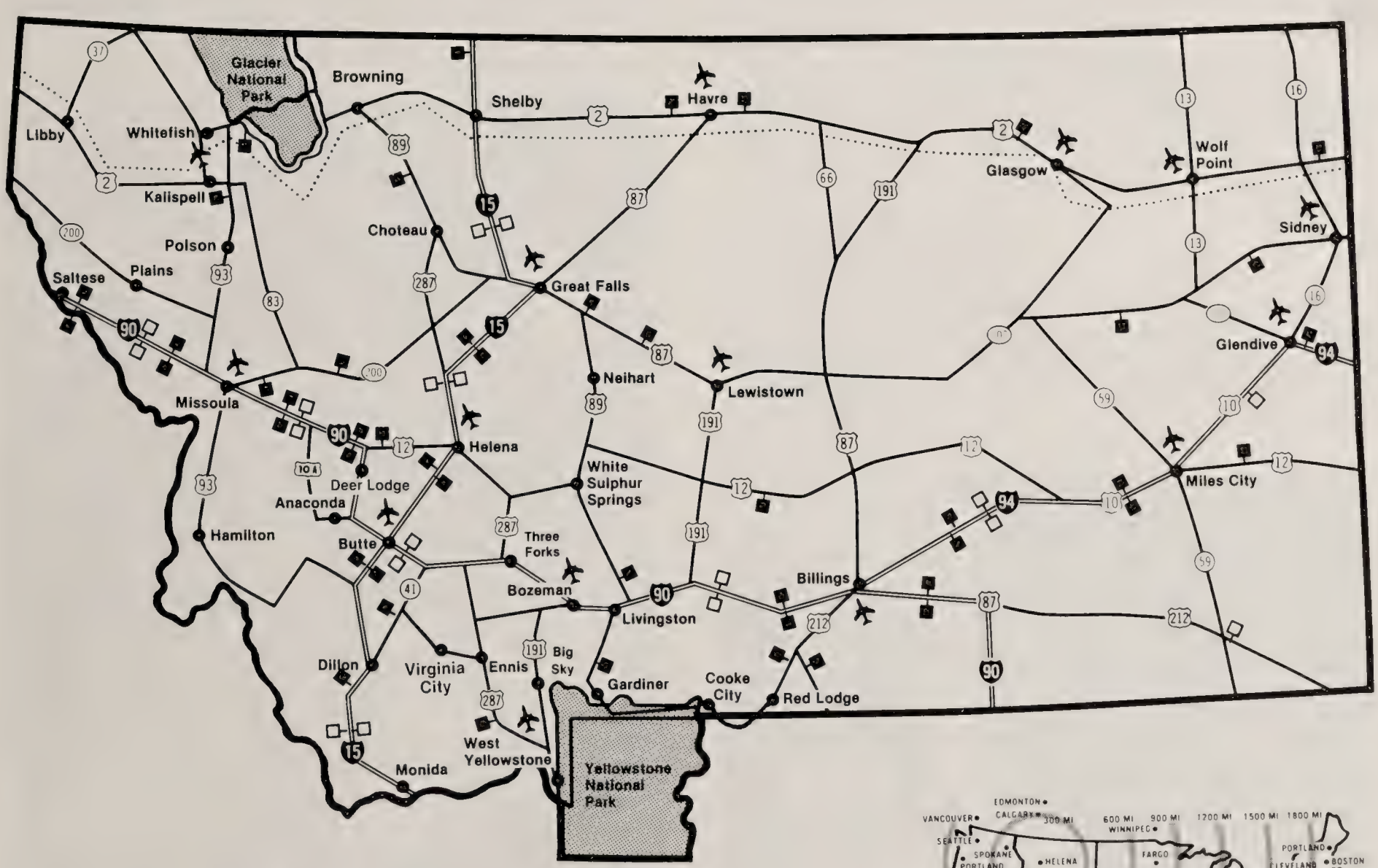
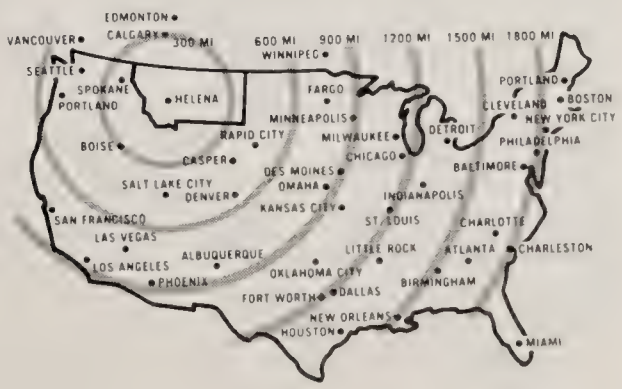




MAJOR EVENTS

JANUARY

MONTANA WINTER FAIR
BOZEMAN — LATE JANUARY-EARLY FEBRUARY
P.O. Box 117, Bozeman (59715)
406-587-8142

Week-long livestock show featuring several breeds of cattle, swine, sheep and horses, with special contests and events. Complemented by an extensive household and applied arts division with more than 100 commercial exhibitors. Special events include a carnival, tug-of-war and snowmobile fun. $2 gate charge. Other shows in the arena area such as the Draft Horse Pulling Contest have an admission charge.

WESTERN WINTER CARNIVAL
BIG SKY — MID-JANUARY
BIG SKY SKI RESORT
P.O. Box 1, Big Sky (59716)
406-995-4211

A rip-roarin' weekend featuring "casino night," fun and serious races such as the Six Shooter Slalom, and an Oktoberfest evening.

FEBRUARY

WHITEFISH WINTER CARNIVAL
WHITEFISH — EARLY FEBRUARY
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1309, Whitefish (59937)
406-862-3501

Three-day celebration of winter featuring royalty, ice sculpture competition, torchlight skiing and fireworks at nearby Big Mountain ski resort, parade and winter games. $2 button plus charge for various ticketed events. Schedule includes King's Buffet on Friday night, Grand Parade on Saturday, carnival dance on Saturday night, festivities on Sunday.

Winter Carnival at Whitefish

MARCH

BIG MOUNTAIN/DOUG BETTERS WINTER CLASSIC
WHITEFISH — MID-MARCH
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1309, Whitefish (59937)
406-862-3501

Betters, a defensive lineman for the Miami Dolphins, and approximately twenty linemen from NFL and CFL football leagues gather at The Big Mountain to ski and raise money for children's hospitals. Events include a barbecue dinner Friday night, ski races and banquet on Saturday, Sunday morning breakfast plus public appearances and autograph parties.

C.M. RUSSELL AUCTION OF ORIGINAL WESTERN ART
GREAT FALLS — LATE MARCH
Great Falls Advertising Federation
P.O. Box 619, Great Falls (59403)
406-761-6453

Three-day extravaganza of original western art featuring the work of the nation's finest living and deceased artists. Event features two auctions, two quick-draw auctions, seminars, receptions, chuck wagon brunch and more than 90 exhibitors' suites. Admission $50. Exhibit rooms and seminars are free.

Quick-draw event at western art auction

APRIL

NORTH AMERICAN SKI/YACHTING CHAMPIONSHIPS
WHITEFISH AND BIGFORK — EARLY APRIL
c/o Alan Oratz, The Big Mountain
P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish (59937)
406-862-3511

Over a four-day period, spectators can view both snow ski races and sailboat races. Few spots in the world could play host to such a unique event, having both snow and open water in such close proximity. All competitors participate in both skiing and sailing events with a Ski Maestro Award being presented in various age and gender categories. The two days of slalom and giant slalom races can be viewed at The Big Mountain in Whitefish and the two days of sailing competition on Flathead Lake can be viewed from Flathead Lake Lodge in Bigfork. No admission charged.

MAY

BUCKING HORSE SALE
MILES CITY — THIRD WEEK IN MAY
Miles City Area Chamber of Commerce
901 Main Street, Miles City (59301)
406-232-2890

Auction of rodeo stock for the Northwest's upcoming rodeo season. Rodeo, wild horse races and pari-mutuel betting. Three days. Admission charged.

JUNE

COLLEGE NATIONAL FINALS RODEO
BOZEMAN — MID-JUNE
CNFR Office
502 S. 19th, Suite 303, Bozeman (59715)
406-587-2637

Five performances of the nation's top collegiate cowboys and cowgirls competing for national titles in all rodeo events. Each performance includes competition in bullriding, bareback bronc, saddle bronc, team roping, steer wrestling, calf roping, barrel racing and goat tying as well as several special events. Additional activities include a parade and carnival. Admission charged.

RED LODGE MUSIC FESTIVAL
RED LODGE —EARLY JUNE
Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce
Box 998, Red Lodge (59068)
406-446-1718 or 446-1905

Twenty-five professional musicians from across the country gather for nine days of symphony, jazz and chamber performances.

JULY

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS
BROWNING — EARLY JULY
Blackfeet Tribe
P.O. Box 850, Browning (59417)
406-338-7521

Indians from all over the country attend this four-day event. The celebration features Indian dancing, contest dancing, hand games, a rodeo, feasts and a parade. Admission is charged to the rodeo.

Indians celebrate their heritage at Pow Wow

DALY DAYS
HAMILTON — JULY 4TH WEEKEND
Valley Community Arts Council
P.O. Box 774-A, Hamilton (59840)
406-363-1781

Turn back your clocks over 90 years and visit Hamilton's Daly Days for fun for the whole group. Juried arts and crafts, music, theatre, carriage rides, historic tours, old fashioned good times in a town established by "Copper King" Marcus Daly. Admission charge to some events.

LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO
LIVINGSTON— JULY 4th WEEKEND
Livingston Chamber of Commerce
1104 W. Park, Livingston (59047)
406-222-0850

Three nights of rodeo with a parade July 2, Livingston's famous "Indian hold-ups" and fireworks. PRCA rodeo draws 400-450 cowboys and cowgirls competing for $35,000 purse. Admission charged.

HOME OF CHAMPIONS RODEO
RED LODGE — JULY 2, 3, 4
P. O. Box 1030, Red Lodge (59068)
406-446-2300

Billed as one of the great rodeos in America by *National Geographic*, the Home of Champions draws over 400 of the country's top cowboys and cowgirls who compete for a purse of $30,000. Each day features a parade at noon and a PRCA-sponsored rodeo in the evening. Besides the usual events the rodeo features the crowd-pleasing wild horse race and children's sheep riding. Admission charged for rodeo.

LIBBY LOGGER DAYS
LIBBY — MID-JULY
Libby Chamber of Commerce
Box 704, Libby (59923)
406-293-3832

Four day celebration including Montana Lumberjack Championships, carnival, Bull of the Woods competition, youth sawing events, parade, pancake breakfast, river raft race, coronation of Logger Days queen. One admission price for all activities.

MONTANA STATE FIDDLERS CHAMPIONSHIPS
POLSON — 4TH WEEKEND IN JULY
Polson Chamber of Commerce
Box 677, Polson (59860)
406-883-5969

Two-day statewide contest to determine the top old-time fiddlers in various age categories. Admission charged.

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE
WOLF POINT — SECOND WEEKEND IN JULY
Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce
Box 237, Wolf Point (59201)
406-653-2012

Three-day PRCA rodeo with a wild horse race as the special event of the rodeo. This rodeo, which dates back to 1897, is considered the "granddaddy" of all Montana rodeos. Admission charged.

STATE FAIR
GREAT FALLS — STARTS LAST SATURDAY OF JULY
P.O. Box 1524, Great Falls (59403)
406-727-8900

Eight-day fair, horse racing, PRCA rodeo, professional entertainment, special events; livestock, domestic, arts and crafts exhibits. Features Ray Cammack Shows carnival. Admission charged.

AUGUST

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS
RED LODGE — STARTS FIRST SATURDAY IN AUGUST
Bob Moran
Box 1089, Red Lodge (59068)
406-446-1905

1987 marks the 37th celebration of the Festival of Nations. Each day of the 9-day festival features a different nationality with its own cooking, customs, arts and crafts displays and music. The festival is a nonprofit venture dedicated to the close relationship and enjoyment of people of all nationalities and to the preservation of customs, music, food, arts and crafts of the Old World and of Montana. No admission charged.

Festival of Nations, Red Lodge

SWEET PEA FESTIVAL
BOZEMAN — FIRST FULL WEEKEND IN AUGUST
Bill Neff
1103 N. Cedarview, Bozeman (59715)
406-586-3644

Four-day festival of arts consisting of a parade, flower show, children's art activities, arts and crafts sales, juried and open art shows, Shakespeare-in-the-Park, dance workshops and music during the day as well as evening concerts. Admission charged.

YELLOWSTONE EXHIBITION & FALL RACE MEET
BILLINGS — MID-AUGUST
Metra/Yellowstone Exhibition
P.O. Box 987, Billings (59103)
406-256-2444

Eight days of professional entertainment, night shows, carnival, exhibits, professional rodeo and horse racing. Thoroughbred horse racing and pari-mutuel betting continues on Wednesdays, Thursdays and weekends through mid-October. Admission charged.

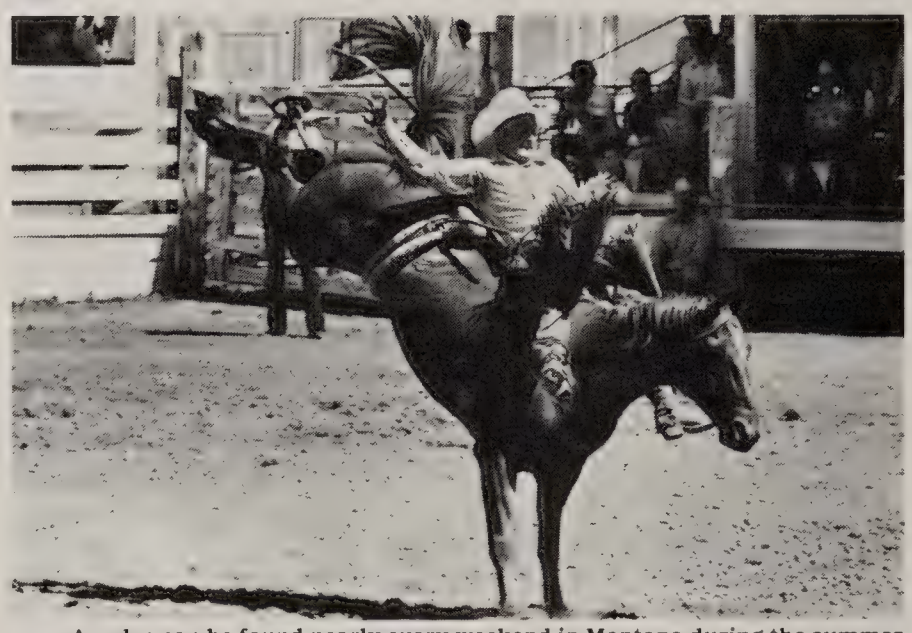
CROW FAIR
CROW AGENCY — THIRD WEEKEND IN AUGUST
Dale Old Horn or Joe Medicine Crow
Big Horn College, Crow Agency (59022)
406-638-2228

Eight-day Northern Plains Indian celebration featuring parades, hand games, food and craft displays and nightly rodeo. Admission charged for rodeo.

SEPTEMBER

DILLON JAYCEES RODEO
DILLON — LABOR DAY WEEKEND
Dillon Jaycees
P.O. Box 334, Dillon (59725)
406-683-4494 or 683-5511

Billed as "Montana's Biggest Weekend," 1987 marks the 31st annual Dillon Jaycee Rodeo. A PRCA-approved rodeo is held in conjunction with the Beaverhead County Fair and Miss Rodeo Montana contest. The rodeo is held Sunday and Monday afternoon. Parade is held Monday morning. Big name entertainment performs on Monday night. Free barbecue after the rodeo on Sunday for rodeo ticket holders.



A rodeo can be found nearly every weekend in Montana during the summer.

LIBBY NORDICFEST
LIBBY — MID-SEPTEMBER
June McMahon
P.O. Box 1070, Libby (59923)
406-293-8573

Three full days of celebration of Scandinavian heritage in arts, crafts, food and fun. A featured event is the Swedish Varpa Championship! Other sporting events include horseshoes, soccer, a trail run and a fjord horse show. The mountains, lakes and streams of the Libby area add to the Nordic atmosphere. Visitors will be treated to Old World charm with Western hospitality. Admission charge to melodramas, dances and some special events.

THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW
CULBERTSON — FOURTH WEEKEND IN SEPTEMBER
Rodney M. Iverson
Box 168, Culbertson (59218)
406-787-5265

Two-day farm celebration and antique show featuring contests, music jamboree, antique exhibit and largest display of old-time tractors and farm equipment in the Northwest. Admission charged.

Threshing Bee, Culbertson

OCTOBER

BISON ROUNDUP
MOIESE — EARLY OCTOBER
Refuge Manager
National Bison Range, Moiese (59824)
406-644-2211

A yearly round-up of these mighty beasts is open to public viewing. The Range protects one of the most important of the remaining herds of American bison or buffalo. From 300-500 of the great shaggy animals roam over nearly 19,000 acres of grassland and timber. A set of corrals near the visitor center enables visitors to view the vaccination and separation of the bison. No admission charged.

NORTHERN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK
EXPOSITION AND RODEO
BILLINGS — MID-OCTOBER
P.O. Box 1981, Billings (59103)
406-256-2495

Week-long livestock show featuring breeding cattle show and sale, feeder cattle show and sale, swine, sheep and horse shows, trade show, horse-drawn parade, coronation of queen and Montana's richest and largest PRCA rodeo. Admission charge for rodeo only.

Eagles migrate each autumn to feed on spawning salmon

BALD EAGLE GATHERING
WEST GLACIER — LATE OCTOBER-EARLY DECEMBER
Glacier Park Headquarters, West Glacier (59936)
406-888-5441

An extraordinary event which occurs each fall as migrating eagles stop to feed on spawning Kokanee salmon in lower McDonald Creek. It is the densest concentration of bald eagles to be found in the lower forty-eight states. Park rangers are on hand each day to answer questions.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION
BUTTE — MID-DECEMBER
Copper King Mansion
219 W. Granite St., Butte (59701)
406-782-7580

Celebrate the yuletide season in the beautifully decorated Copper King Mansion. A Christmas bazaar by local artists and craftsmen is held in one of Montana's most famous residences. Guided tours through the mansion and refreshments are served. No admission charged.

AUTUMN IN MONTANA

When fall comes to Montana, it's a very colorful sight. The aspen trees spread throughout the mountains turn a golden color, while rivers and creeks are lined with the bright yellow of the large cottonwoods. Even the pine trees get in the act when it comes to putting on the fall show. Entire mountain sides burst into color as the larch's needles turn yellow and shrubs and underbrush turn to many shades of red. To complement the colors, autumn in western Montana unfolds against the dramatic backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. Areas highly recommended for fall foliage viewing include all of Montana west of the continental divide — especially Glacier National Park, the Bitterroot Valley, Flathead Lake and the entrance roads leading to Yellowstone Park. The general range for fall foliage is from mid-September to early November. Indian summers are common in Montana bringing warm, sunny days and clear, cool nights. Some local fall festivals not previously mentioned include:

McIntosh Apple Festival — Hamilton
Oktoberfest — Helena
Fall Festival — Belgrade
Oktoberfest — Miles City
Homesteader Day — Chinook
Oktoberfest — Glendive
Harvest Festival — Chester
Hunter Feed and Wild Game Cook-Off — Ennis

ACCOMMODATIONS

Rest. = Restaurant, on property or within walking distance
R.S. = Room Service
Lnge. = Lounge, on property
Ent. = Live entertainment

S.P. = Swimming Pool (i = indoor 0 = outdoor)
A/C = Air conditioning in rooms
Hndcp. = Handicapped Facilities
Comp. = Complimentary room for escort
Parking = Bus parking on property

* $ = Under $30
$$ = $30 - $40
$$$ = Over $40
*Rates are for 1987, based on double occupancy

City	Name/Address/Phone	Rooms	Rest.	R.S.	Lnge.	Ent.	S.P.	A/C	Hndcp.	Comp.	Parking	Rate	Comments
Anaconda 59711	Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 406-797-3241 800-332-3272	129	x	x	x	x	4 i o	x	x	x		$$	18-hole golf course, tennis courts, horseback riding. Satellite TV in lounge. Convention center. Gift shop.
Bigfork 59911	Marina Cay Resort 180 Vista Lane P.O. Box 663 406-837-5861	84	x		x		o	x	x		x	$$$	Located on Flathead Lake in Bigfork Bay. Marina, fishing charters, hot tub, golfing. Some units have kitchens and sitting rooms. Gift shop.
Big Sky 59716	Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge U.S. Hwy. 191 P.O. Box 279 406-995-4111 800-822-4484 800-528-1234	39	2		2					x	x	$$	Two jacuzzis, gift shop. Question and answer session with ex-rodeo star can be arranged. Located at north edge of Yellowstone National Park.
	The Huntley Lodge P.O. Box 1 406-995-4211 800-548-8096 (group sales) 800-824-7767 (in MT) 800-548-4486 (except MT)	204	4	x	x	x	o		x	x	x	$$$	Scenic ski resort location with small lake. Tennis courts, horseshoes, volleyball. Complimentary punch reception. MAP available. Meeting rooms. Half price room for bus driver. Open summer and winter. Scenic gondola rides, gift shops.
	Golden Eagle Lodge Meadow Village P.O. Box 8 406-995-4800 800-548-4488	42	x		x	x	o			x	x	$$	Located next to tennis courts and 18-hole golf course. On cross-country ski trails in winter.
Big Timber 59011	C.M. Russell Lodge Hwy #10 West P.O. Box 670 406-932-5242 or 932-5400	40	x	x	x			x		x	x	$$	Motel, gift shop, cafe, lounge located under one roof. Log cafe has many wild animal mounts.
Billings 59101	Airport Metra Inn 403 Main St. 406-245-6611 800-642-4464	104	x	x	x	x	o	x	x		x	$$	HBO.
	Best Western Northern Hotel 1st Ave. North & Broadway P.O. Box 1296 (59103) 406-245-5121 800-528-1234	160	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	$$	Downtown location with bus wash, refueling and disposal station nearby. Cable TV, complimentary reception, meeting rooms, gift shops. NTA member.
	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 2511 1st Ave. No. P.O. Box 1791 (59103) 406-259-5511 800-528-1234	133	x	x	x	x	2 o	x	x	x	x	$$	Downtown location. 24 hour restaurant on property. Red carpet welcome with reception. Remote control TV, in-room coffee, meeting room. NTA, ABA member.
	Billings Plaza Holiday Inn I-90 & Mullowney Lane 5500 Midland Rd. 406-248-7701	320	2	x	x		I	x	x	x	x	$$$	Gift shop, health club, jacuzzi, sauna. HBO. Complimentary reception. Just off I-90, exit 446. NTA member.
	Billings Sheraton Hotel 27 N. 27th Street 406-252-7400 800-325-3535	297	x	x	x	x	i	x	x	x		$$$	Gift shops on property, meeting rooms, downtown location. Complimentary reception. Continental breakfast, $3 inclusive. Full breakfast, $6 inclusive.
	Elliott Inn 1345 Mullowney Lane 406-252-2584 800-225-9395 (in MT) 800-843-3887 (except MT)	116	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Formerly Thrifty Scot Motel. Cable TV and HBO, free deluxe continental breakfast, non-smoking rooms available. Just off I-90.
	Lazy KT Motel 1403 1st Ave. North 406-252-6606 800-4D-DANDY	26	x					x		x	x	$	Small gift shop, free coffee, cable TV, laundry facilities, waterbed units.
	Parkway Motel 4808 Underpass Ave. 406-245-3044 800-4D-DANDY	26	x					x		x	x	$	Small gift shop, free coffee, cable TV, laundry facilities, all king and queen beds, waterbed units.

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	Prime Rate Motel 5425 Midland Rd. 406-252-2700 800-356-3004	88	x					x	x	x	x	$	Complimentary continental breakfast, cable TV with HBO, indoor whirpool, sauna, game room. Just off I-90.
	Ramada Inn I-90 at Mullowney Lane 1223 Mullowney Lane 406-248-7151 800-272-6232	243	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	$$$	On-bus greeting, complimentary reception. Driver and escort receive comp. $10 dinner and $5 breakfast. Jacuzzi, sauna. Just off I-90.
	Regal 8 Inn I-90 and Midland Rd. 5353 Midland Rd. (59102) 406-248-7551 800-851-8888 800-541-5005 (in Canada)	119	x				i	x		x	x	$$	In-room movies. NTA and ABA member.
	Rimrock Inn 1203 North 27th 406-252-7107 800-624-9770 (in MT)	83	x		x			x		x	x	$$	Near airport. Recently renovated. Complete exercise room with hot tub and steam room. Cable TV, meeting rooms, non-smoking rooms.
	Rimview Inn 1025 N. 27th St. 406-248-2622 800-551-1418 (in MT)	46	x	x				x	x	x	x	$$	Near airport and downtown. Kitchens or refrigerators in all rooms. HBO, free continental breakfast, meeting room, all queen beds. Hot tub.
	The Billings Inn 880 N. 29th St. 406-252-6800 800-245-0943	60	x					x	x	x	x	$	Free continental breakfast. Reclining lounge chairs in rooms.
	Town House Motel 3420 1st Ave. North 406-245-4191 800-4D-DANDY	24	x					x		x	x	$	Small gift shop, cable TV, laundry facilities, free coffee, waterbed units.
	War Bonnet Inn I-90 & 27th St. 2612 Belknap Ave. 406-248-7761 800-624-8681 (in MT) 800-441-9413 (except MT)	100	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	$$	Meeting rooms, HBO.
Bozeman 59715	Bobcat Lodge 2307 West Main Street 406-587-5241	80	x				i			x	x	$	Sauna, laundry facilities. Located 10 blocks from MSU campus.
	Days Inn of Bozeman 1321 North 7th Ave. 406-587-5251 800-325-2525	80	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Formerly Thrifty Scot Motel. Free continental breakfast, exercise equipment, sauna, hot tub, cable TV with HBO. Near I-90.
	GranTree Inn 1325 North 7th Ave. 406-587-5261 800-624-5865 (in MT)	104	x	x	x		i	x		x	x	$$	Casino, jacuzzi, laundry facilities, meeting rooms, cable TV. Complimentary reception and red carpet treatment. NTA member. Just off I-90.
	Holiday Inn 5 Baxter Lane 406-587-4561 800-HOLIDAY	181	x	x	x		i	x	x	x	x	$$	Jacuzzi, meeting rooms, Showtime. Near I-90. NTA and ABA member.
	Prime Rate Motel I-90 & 7th Ave. 805 Wheat Dr. 406-587-2100 800-356-3004	42	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Jacuzzi and sauna, cable TV, 24-hour coffee, tea, hot chocolate, free continental breakfast. Just off I-90. Across street from McDonalds. No baggage service.
	Royal "6" Motel 310 North 7th Ave. 406-587-3103	47	x					x	x		x	$$	Gift shop, free continental breakfast, HBO, spa. All rooms on ground level. Large lawn area.
Broadus 59317	C-J Motel 311 W. Holt Box 69 406-436-2671 800-341-8000	30	x					x		x	x	$$	Gift shop, free morning coffee, HBO, jacuzzi, sauna, steam room.
Butte 59701	Best Western Copper King Inn 4655 Harrison Ave. 406-494-6666 800-332-8600	150	2	x	2	x	i	x	x	x	x	$$$	Gift shop, jacuzzi, sauna, VIP club, meeting rooms. NTA and ABA member.
	Best Western War Bonnet Inn 2100 Cornell Ave. 406-494-7800 800-423-1421 (in MT) 800-443-1806 (except MT)	134	x	x	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	$$	Greeting and complimentary reception. All rooms recently renovated, new lobby addition. Cable TV. Just off I-90. NTA member.

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	Super 8 Motel of Butte 2929 Harrison Ave. 406-494-6000 800-843-1991	61	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Queen beds, free coffee and rolls, cable TV, meeting room, just off I-90.
	Thrift Inn 2900 Harrison Ave. 406-494-3500	134	x	x	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	$$	Gift shop, meeting rooms, laundry facilities, cable TV, adjacent to shopping. Just off I-90.
	Townhouse Inns of Butte 2777 Harrison Ave. 406-494-8850 800-442-INNS (in MT)	88	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Facility built in 1986. Free coffee and doughnuts, laundry facilities, meeting rooms, game room. Just off I-90. Adjacent to convenience store.
Columbia Falls 59912	Glacier Inn Motel 1401 2nd Ave. E. 406-892-4341	19	x					x			x	$	
Cut Bank 59427	Glacier Motor Inn 15 First Ave. South West 406-873-5555	60	x	x	x			x		x	x	$$	Downtown location. Restaurant seats 60, meeting rooms. Hotel rooms available at lower rate.
Darby 59829	Triple Creek Ranch West Fork Route 406-821-4408		x	x	x	x	x		x		x	$$$	Breathtaking mountain scenery. Condo units and cabins located on a working guest ranch. Horseback riding, tennis courts, river rafting, hiking, fishing. Full restaurant on property, conference room.
Deer Lodge 59722	Quality Inn 1150 N. Main Street 406-846-2370 800-228-5151	53	x				x	x	x	x	x	$$	Located just off I-90, adjacent to restaurant, lounge, shopping. Free morning coffee.
	Scharf's Motor Inn 819 Main Street 406-846-3300	34	x	x	x			x		x	x	$$	Located one block from Towe Ford Museum, Old Montana Prison and Yesterday's Playthings Museum. Restaurant can serve three busloads at one time.
Dillon 59725	Best Western Royal Inn 650 N. Montana St. 406-683-4214	65	x	x	x		x	x		x	x	$$	Cable TV with HBO, meeting room.
East Glacier 59434	Glacier Motel Cabins Park Drive Box 68 406-226-5593	11	x							x		$	Quiet and scenic location, unique units. Free coffee. Located on east edge of Glacier National Park.
Forsyth 59327	Best Western Sundowner Inn 1018 Front St. P.O. Box 1080 406-356-2115 800-528-1234	40	x					x		x	x	$$	HBO, gift shop, winter plug-ins, non-smoking rooms. Adjacent to convenience stores, banquet room. Two blocks to shopping areas. Free admission to indoor Olympic pool-5 blocks away.
Fort Benton 59442	Pioneer Lodge 1700 Front St. Box 68 406-622-5441	10	x					x	x	x	x	$$$	Rates vary on rooms. Some under $40. Each room has a unique decor and is named for local history. Free continental breakfast, cable TV, meeting room, near museum. Scenic view of Missouri River and bluffs. Two other local motels can assist in accommodating groups.
Gardiner 59030	Best Western by Mammoth Hot Springs Highway 89 Box 646 406-848-7311	40	x		x			x	x	x	x	$$$	Gift shop, whirlpool, sauna, cable TV, snowmobile rentals available in winter. Located on Yellowstone River.
Glacier National Park	Glacier Park, Inc. East Glacier Park, MT 59434 406-226-5551 (May 15-Sept. 15) 800-332-9351 (in Montana) Greyhound Tower, Station 5510 Phoenix, AZ 85077 602-248-6000 (Sept. 15-May 15)												One comp room with each 35 paid rooms. Gift shop or camp store at each location. Telephones in all rooms. NTA member. Hotels open mid-June to mid-Sept. Dates vary each year.
	Glacier Park Lodge East Glacier Park	155	x		x	x	o			x	x	$$$	Full resort with scenic 9-hole golf course. Big tree lobby. Meeting rooms, catering. Hayrides, campfire cookouts, circle tours. Walk to Amtrak depot.
	Lake McDonald Lodge 12 miles east of West Glacier	102	x		x	x				x	x	$$$	Lakeside location. Hunting lodge atmosphere. Circle tours.
	Many Glacier Hotel 12 miles west of Babb Most central location	209	x		x	x			x	x	x	$$$	Lakeside location. Swiss chalet atmosphere. Hiking, boat cruises, horseback riding, fishing.
	Prince of Wales Hotel Waterton Lakes Nat'l Park	81	x		x	x				x	x	$$$	Overlooks Waterton Lake. English atmosphere. Storybook gabled hotel.

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	Rising Sun Motor Inn 7 miles west of St. Mary entrance	72	x						x	x	x	$$	Overlooks St. Mary Lake.
	Swiftcurrent Motor Inn 12 miles west of Babb	88	x		x				x	x	x	$$	Near Swiftcurrent Lake. Many hiking trails. Coffee shop. Shares amenities with Many Glacier Hotel.
Glasgow **59230**	Best Western Cottonwood Inn Hwy. 2 East P.O. Box 1240 406-228-8213 800-528-1234	71	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	$$	HBO. Located 17 miles from Fort Peck Dam and Reservoir, summer theater.
Glendive **59330**	Best Western Holiday Lodge 222 N. Merrill P.O. Box 741 406-365-5656 800-528-1234	105	x	x	x	x	i	x		x	x	$$	Gift shop, meeting rooms, downtown location. Famous Klapmier Moss Agate Collection and J. K. Ralston Western Art Collection.
	Rustic Inn 1903 N. Merrill Ave. Box 1374 406-365-5636	35	x				x	x		x	x	$$	Meeting room. Near museum.
	Super 8 Motel 1904 N. Merrill Ave. P.O. Box 198 406-365-5671 800-843-1991	52	x					x	x		x	$$	Showtime, ESPN, all beds queen or larger. Free continental breakfast.
Great Falls **59401**	Best Western Heritage Inn 1700 Fox Farm Rd. (59404) 406-761-1900 800-528-1234	250	x	x	x	x	2 i	x		x	x	$$	French Quarter area with pools, hot tubs, saunas, lounge with snack bar, game room, pool and ping pong tables, putting green. Gift shop, meeting room. Easy access off I-15. NTA and ABA member.
	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 220 Central Ave. P.O. Box 1179 406-761-3410 800-528-1234	105	x		x	x	o	x	x	x	x	$$	Complimentary breakfast for driver. Sauna, cable TV, in-room coffee, free newspaper. Downtown location. Special group meals on request (BBQ, courtyard, poolside.) NTA and ABA member.
	Holiday Village Super 8 Lodge 1214 13th St. South 406-727-7600 800-843-1991	117	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast, satellite TV, elevator, non-smoking rooms. Walking distance to large indoor shopping mall.
	O'Haire Motor Inn 17 7th St. South P.O. Box 1667 406-454-2141 800-332-9819 (in MT)	72	x	x	x	x	i	x	x	x	x	$$	Comp room for bus driver, also free meal for escort and driver. Homemade cookies upon departure. Meeting rooms. Downtown location.
	Quality Inn 1411 10th Ave. South (59405) 406-761-4600	108	x	x	x		i	x	x	x	x	$$	Whirlpool, sauna, exercise room, video-game room, ping pong and pool tables. Complimentary reception. NTA and ABA member.
	Rainbow Hotel First Ave. No. At Third St. P.O. Box 471 406-727-8200	91	x	x	x	x		x		x	x	$$	Meeting rooms, movie channel. Downtown location with 320 stores nearby.
	Sheraton Great Falls 400 10th Ave. South 406-727-7200 800-257-1998 (except MT) 800-626-8009 (in MT)	175	x	x	x	x	i	x	x	x	x	$$	Jacuzzi, sauna, meeting rooms. NTA and ABA member
	Starlit Motel 1521 1st Ave. N.W. P.O. Box 1629 406-452-9597	21	x	x			o	x	x	x	x	$	Cable TV, picnic area. Lounge next door. Winter plug-ins.
	Triple Crown Motor Inn 621 Central Ave. 406-727-8300 800-722-8300 (in MT)	50	x					x		x	x	$$	Cable TV, elevator, HBO. Free coffee and doughnuts.
Hardin **59034**	Western Motel 830 West 3rd St. 406-665-2296	28						x		x	x	$$	In-room coffee, HBO. Most services nearby. Located 15 miles from Custer Battlefield.
Havre **59501**	Le Havre Inn 629 West 1st St. 406-265-6711 800-821-2521 (in MT)	104	x		x		i	x			x	$$	Gift shop, meeting rooms, jacuzzi, free coffee. Downtown location.
Helena **59601**	Aladdin Coach House Motor Inn 910 North Last Chance Gulch 406-442-6080	125	x		x		o	x		x	x	$$	Small meeting rooms.

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	Aladdin Coach House East 2101 East 11th Avenue 406-443-2300	78	x		x		i	x		x	x	$$	Spa facilities, exercise room, satellite TV, meeting rooms.
	Best Western Colonial Inn 2301 Colonial Drive 406-443-2100 800-528-1231	141	x	x	x	x	2 i o	x	x	x	x	$$$	Meeting rooms, gift shops, beauty salon, laundry facilities, sauna and spa. Near I-15. Complimentary reception. Drawing for prize upon departure. NTA member.
	Day's Inn 2001 Prospect Avenue 406-442-3280	96	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Formerly Thrifty Scot Motel. Free continental breakfast, meeting rooms, cable TV. Near I-15.
	Jorgensen's Holiday Motel 1714 11th Avenue P.O. Box 857 (59624) 406-442-1770 800-272-1770 (in MT)	100	x		x			x		x	x	$$	Senior citizens rates and tour rates. Meeting rooms, non-smoking rooms.
	Park Plaza Hotel 22 North Last Chance Gulch 406-443-2200 800-332-2290	71	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	$$	Seven-story hotel located on historic Last Chance Gulch and downtown pedestrian mall. Walking distance to movie theaters, 40 shops and stores.
	Shilo Inn 2020 Prospect Avenue 11600 S.W. Barnes Rd., Portland, OR 97225 406-442-0320 503-641-6565 (marketing office) 800-222-2244	47	x				i	x	x	x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast, satellite TV with movie channel, spa, sauna, steam rooms. Complimentary fresh fruit and popcorn. Located just off I-15. NTA and ABA member.
	Super 8 Motel 2201 11th Avenue 406-443-2450	112	x					x	x	x	x	$	Queen beds, free coffee. Located near I-15.
Kalispell **59901**	Best Western Outlaw Inn 1701 Hwy. 93 South 406-755-6100	250	x	x	x	x	2 i	x	x	x	x	$$$	Several unique gift shops on property. Satellite TV, racquetball court, jacuzzis, tennis courts. Complimentary reception for groups arriving before 6 p.m. Comp room for escort and driver. NTA and ABA member.
	Blue & White Motel 640 East Idaho Street P.O. Box 249 406-755-4311	79	x				i	x		x	x	$	Free continental breakfast, satellite TV, jacuzzi and sauna. Close to shopping center and park. Senior citizen rates. In-room coffee.
	Cavanaugh's at Kalispell Center 20 North Main 406-752-6660 800-THE-INNS	132	x	x	x	x	i	x	x	x	x	$$$	Atrium dining, casino, indoor and outdoor jacuzzis, sauna. Adjoining 45-store indoor shopping mall. NTA and ABA member.
	Diamond Lil Inn 1680 Hwy. 93 South 406-752-3467 800-843-7301 (in MT)	62	x	x	x	x	o	x	x	x	x	$$	Two-story property with all outside entrances. 24-hour coffee shop, hot tubs, all beds king or queen. Continental breakfast. NTA member.
	Four Seasons Motor Inn 350 North Main 406-755-6123	101	x					x		x	x	$$	Jacuzzi. Located close to downtown and two shopping malls.
	Motel 6 1540 Hwy. 93 South 406-755-6669	114	x				o	x	x	x	x	$	Color TV with in-house movies, telephones.
	Ramada Inn of Kalispell 8 miles south on Hwy. 93 P.O. Box 2530 406-857-3468 800-824-2723 (in MT) 800-341-7637 (except MT)	102	x	x	2	x	2 i o	x	x	x	x	$$	Full service facility located at junction of Hwy. 93 and Hwy. 82. Indoor and outdoor hot tubs, sauna, weight room, carpeted indoor running track, HBO, Showtime, Sports Network, grocery store, gas station, meeting rooms, suites. Formerly Levengoods.
	Thrifty Scot Motel 1830 Hwy. 93 South 406-755-3798	60	x				i	x	x	x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast, hot tub, sauna, cable TV with choice of HBO, Showtime or Disney Channel. Near restaurants and entertainment.
Laurel **59044**	Best Western Locomotive Inn 310 South First Avenue 406-628-8281 800-528-1234	52	x		x		o	x	x	x	x	$$	Cable TV, non-smoker rooms, free continental breakfast. Located near I-90.
Lewistown **59457**	Yogo Inn 211 East Main Street P.O. Box 939 406-538-5737	126	x		x		2 i o	x	x	x	x	$$	Complimentary wine and cheese reception. Located at exact center of Montana.
Libby **59923**	Venture Motor Inn Hwy. 2 West P.O. Box AN 406-293-7711	71	x	x	x	x	x	x		x	x	$$	Meeting rooms.

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Livingston 59047	Paradise Inn I-90, Exit 333 P.O. Box 684 406-222-6320	43	x	x	x	x	i	x			x	$$$	Located at junction of I-90 and U.S. 89. Meeting rooms.
	The Guest House 105 West Park 406-222-1460	40	x		x	x		x	x	x	x	$	Downtown location. Across the street from historic railroad depot. Many businesses within walking distance. Free coffee, meeting rooms, elevator.
	V.I.P. Motel Route 62 P.O. Box 3053 406-222-3600	16	x			x	x	x		x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast. Adjacent to mini-golf course, two cocktail lounges, museum and unique gift shops.
	Yellowstone Motor Inn 1515 W. Park 406-222-6110 800-826-1214 (in MT)	99	x	x	x		i	x		x	x	$$$	Located at junction of I-90 and U.S. Hwy. 89 near Yellowstone River and golf course. Meeting rooms.
Miles City 59301	Buckboard Inn 1006 South Haynes Avenue P.O. Box 1765 406-232-1208	58	x				o	x	x	x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast, HBO, non-smoking rooms, jacuzzi, winter plug-ins, VCR rental. Senior citizen rates. Near I-94. Lounge and entertainment next door.
	Custer's Inn 1209 South Haynes Avenue P.O. Box 1235 406-232-5170 800-835-4727, ext. 267	56	x				x	x		x	x	$	HBO, saunas, free coffee and tea. Shopping mall within walking distance, lounge and entertainment nearby.
	Super 8 Motel I-94, South on 59 P.O. Box 1625 406-232-5261 800-843-1991	58	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast, cable TV with Movie Channel, meeting room.
Missoula 59801	Bel Aire Motel 300 East Broadway (59802) 406-543-3183	50	x				i	x		x	x	$$	
	Best Western Executive Motor Inn 201 East Main Street 406-543-7221 800-528-1234	51	x				o	x		x	x	$$	Cable TV with Showtime, elevator, downtown location.
	Best Western Southgate Inn 3530 Brooks Street 406-251-2250 800-528-1231	83	x				o	x		x	x	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast, HBO, sauna. Shopping mall nearby. Western-style cookout can be arranged.
	Comfort Inn 744 East Broadway 406-549-5134	89	x				o	x	x	x	x	$$	Hospitality room with complimentary snacks and a Made in Montana product in each of the guest rooms. Near interstate.
	Hubbard's Ponderosa Lodge 800 East Broadway 406-543-3102 800-341-8000	41	x					x	x	x	x	$$	New facility, queen beds, free coffee, central location, shops nearby.
	Orange Street Inn 801 North Orange Street 406-721-3610 800-328-0801 (in MT)	80	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Free continental breakfast, meeting rooms, fitness room, in-room movies, Showtime, king and queen beds, lounge nearby.
	Red Lion Motel 700 West Broadway 406-728-3300 800-426-1982	76	x		x		x	x		x	x	$$$	Satellite TV, HBO, free coffee in lobby, meeting room, health club privileges for small fee at local health club, gift shop. NTA member.
	Reserve Street Inn 4825 North Reserve St. (59802) 406-721-0990 800-221-2057 (in MT) 800-521-2057 (except MT)	87	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	x	$$	Creekside location. Showtime, meeting rooms, sauna, hot tub, in-room jacuzzis, non-smoking rooms, live poker and poker and keno machines.
	Sheraton Missoula Hotel 200 South Pattee Street (59802) 406-721-8550 800-824-4536	200	x	x	x	x	i	x	x	x	x	$$$	Located on the banks of the Clark Fork River, easy access off I-90. Award-winning interior design hotel with sauna, jacuzzi, riverside restaurant (summer only), Spectradyne movies and unique gift shop. Chef can prepare a motorcoach special. NTA member.
	Super 8 Motel 3901 Brooks Street 406-251-2255	104	x					x	x	x	x	$	Free continental breakfast, cable TV with Showtime, non-smoking rooms, small meeting room.

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	TraveLodge 420 West Broadway 406-728-4500 800-255-3050	60	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Walking distance to downtown business area. Near I-90. Cable TV with Showtime.
	Village Red Lion Motor Inn 100 Madison Street 406-728-3100	172	2	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	$$$	Mobil 4-Star property on the bank of the Clark Fork River. Gift shop, meeting rooms. NTA member.
Polson **59860**	Best Western Queen's Court Motel Hwy. 93 P.O. Box 1411 406-883-5385 800-654-0682 (in MT)	44	x					x			x	$$$	Located on Flathead Lake. Free continental breakfast, hot tub, cable TV with HBO, meeting rooms.
Red Lodge **59068**	Best Western Lupine Inn 702 South Hauser P.O. Box B 406-446-1321 800-528-1234	46					i	x		x		$$	HBO, meeting room.
	Super 8 Motel 1223 South Broadway Route 2, Box 3398 406-446-2288 800-843-1991	42	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Cable TV with HBO, outdoor hot tub, sundeck/picnic table, continental breakfast.
	Yodeler Friendship Inn P.O. Box 2236 406-446-1435 800-453-4511	23	x		x		x	x		x	x	$$	Located 3 blocks from downtown business area. Spa, in-room steam baths, front balconies, back deck, HBO, in-room coffee, alarm clocks.
St. Mary **59417**	St. Mary Lodge & Resort Highway 89 and Going-to-the-Sun Road 406-732-4431 800-GLC-PARK (in MT) 800-THE-PARK (except MT)	105	x		x	x				x	x	$$$	Located at St. Mary entrance to Glacier National Park. Complete tourist facility including laundromat, t-shirt and sporting goods shops, supermarket, deli, pizza parlor and specialty shops. Many unique Made in Montana products.
St. Regis **59866**	St. Regis Super 8 Motel Old Highway 10 P.O. Drawer L 406-649-2422 800-843-1991	31	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Across the street from historic John Mullan Statue and near the junction of two rivers. Free coffee, non-smoking rooms, king and queen beds.
Scobey **59263**	Cattle King Motor Inn Hwy. 13 South P.O. Box 750 406-487-5332	31	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Lounge adjoining property, cable TV, queen beds, guest laundry, sauna, hot tub, free coffee.
Shelby **59474**	O'Haire Manor Motel 204 2nd Street South 406-434-5555	40	x					x	x	x	x	$$	
Sidney **59270**	Lone Tree Motor Inn 900 South Central Avenue 406-482-4520	58	x					x		x	x	$	Comp room for bus driver, also. Free continental breakfast, cable TV, winter plug-ins, meeting room. Walking distance to shopping center.
	Richland Motor Inn 1200 South Central Avenue 406-482-6400	62	x					x	x	x	x	$$	Comp room for bus driver, also. Free continental breakfast, cable TV, HBO, meeting room. Walking distance to shopping center.
Superior **59872**	Big Sky Motel 104 4th Avenue East P.O. Box 458 406-822-4831	24	x					x		x	x	$$	Free coffee and doughnuts, cable TV.
Virginia City **59755**	Bovey Restorations 305 West Wallace Street P.O. Box 338 406-843-5377	50	x	x	x	x			x	x	x	$$	Accommodations available in Virginia City and Nevada City, two preserved mining camps of the 1860s. Modern accommodations with historic decor. Walking distance to museums, restaurants, unique shops. Live entertainment by Virginia City Players. Tour hostess provides personal service and guided tour of area.
West Yellowstone **59758**	Al's Westward Ho Motel 16 Boundary Street P.O. Box F 406-646-7331	40	x						x	x	x	$$	Open May 1-November 1. Half block from entrance to Yellowstone. Walking distance to all services. Quiet location.
	Ambassador Quality Inn 315 Yellowstone Avenue P.O. Box 459 406-646-7365 800-992-5316 (in MT) 800-221-1151 (except MT)	52	x				o			x	x	$$$	Bus tour information packet available on request. Cable TV, HBO, whirlpool. NTA and ABA member. Snowmobile rentals available in winter. Walking distance to all services.

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	Best Western Weston Inn 103 Gibbon Street P.O. Box 373 406-646-7373 800-528-1234	32	x				o			x	x	$$$	Pool open June 1-Labor Day. Free coffee in lobby. Walking distance to all services.
	Big Western Pine Motel 234 Firehole Avenue P.O. Box 369 406-646-7622 800-992-5316 (in MT) 800-221-1151 (except MT)	48	x				o	x		x	x	$$$	Bus tour information packet available on request. Cable TV, HBO, meeting room, indoor whirlpool. Snowmobile rentals available in winter. Walking distance to all services. NTA and ABA member.
	Evergreen Motel 229 Firehole Avenue P.O. Box 477 406-646-7655	16	x								x	$	Some kitchen units available. Walking distance to all services.
	Lionshead Super 8 Lodge 7½ miles W. on Hwy. 20 1545 Targhee Pass Hwy. 406-646-9584	44	x		x				x	x	x	$$	Adjoins squaredance hall, RV park. Laundry facilities, jacuzzi, sauna, meeting rooms, satellite TV, free coffee and tea.
	Stage Coach Inn Travelodge 209 Madison Avenue P.O. Box 160 406-646-7381 800-255-3050	57	x		x	x				x	x	$$	Two hot tubs, sauna, meeting rooms. Large spacious lobby, western decor. Walking distance to all services. NTA member.
	Starlite Motel 118 Electric Avenue P.O. Box 1140 406-646-7656 800-548-9551	44	x				i			x	x	$$	In-room coffee, satellite TV. Walking distance to all services.
	Three Bear Lodge 217 Yellowstone Avenue P.O. Box 519 406-646-7353 800-992-5316 (in MT) 800-221-1151 (except MT)	42	x		x		o			x	x	$$$	Bus tour information packet available on request. Cable TV, HBO, meeting rooms, whirlpool. Snowmobile rentals available in winter. Walking distance to all services. NTA and ABA member.
White Sulphur Springs 59645	Spa Hot Springs Motel 202 West Main Street P.O. Box 690 406-547-3366	21	x				2 i	x			x	$$	Swim year round in the mineral pools for which the town was named. Gift shop on property.
Whitefish 59937	Bay Point Estates 300 Bay Point Drive P.O. Box 35 406-862-2331	49					i			x	x	$$$	Condominium units located on the shores of Whitefish Lake. All units have fully furnished kitchens, gas barbecue grills on the deck, color cable TV and most units have fireplaces. Two jacuzzis, sauna, game room, laundry facilities, boat docks. Meeting room with kitchen. Catering available for any type of function.
	Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort Big Mountain Road P.O. Box 1400 406-862-3511	215	x		x	x	x			x	x	$$$	Resort facilities include hot tub, game room, pool table, sauna, lobby fireplaces and TV. Deluxe and economy lodging. Year round meeting facilities. Scenic chairlift ride in summer.
	Grouse Mountain Lodge 1205 Hwy. 93 West 406-862-3000 800-621-1802 (in MT) 800-321-8822 (except MT)	145	x		x	x	i	x	x		x	$$$	Indoor sauna, whirlpool, two outdoor whirlpools, cable TV, licensed gambling/keno, meeting rooms. Adjacent to Whitefish Lake Golf Course and cross-country ski touring center. NTA and ABA member. Discount on room for escort.
	Kandahar Lodge Big Mountain Road P.O. Box 1659 406-862-6098	50	x							x	x	$$$	Meeting rooms, color cable TV, two jacuzzis, sauna. Beautiful mountain lodge with spacious lobby located at Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort. Scenic, quiet location. Walking distance to swimming pool, entertainment, lounges.
Wolf Point 59201	Sherman Motor Inn 200 East Main Street P.O. Box 879 406-653-1100 800-952-1100 (in MT)	46	x	x	x	x		x	x	x	x	$$	Queen beds. Meeting rooms. Downtown location. Full service facility.

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Yellowstone Nat'l Park WY 82190	TW Services, Inc. Yellowstone Park Division Group Tours Office Yellowstone Nat'l Park, WY 307-344-7901 800-421-3401												Meeting rooms with catering are available at Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful and Lake Lodge. Dates are restricted. Member NTA, ABA, TIAA, ASTA. One complimentary room with 15 paid rooms. Dumpsites at Mammoth Hot Springs & Old Faithful.
	Canyon Lodge and Cabins Center of Park near Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone	588	x		x					x	x	$$$	Rate is for standard cabin. Luxury cabins also available. Open June 14-August 7, 1987.
	Grant Village West shore of Yellowstone Lake	294	x		x				x	x	x	$$$	Gift shop. Open June 5-Sept. 20, 1987.
	Lake Lodge and Cabins North shore of Yellowstone Lake	186	x		x					x	x	$$$	Rate is for standard cabin. Luxury cabins also available. Open June 9-Sept. 14, 1987.
	Lake Yellowstone Hotel and Cabins North shore of Yellowstone Lake	295	x		x					x	x	$$$	Deluxe rooms available also. Gift shop, elevator. Open May 22-Sept. 20, 1987.
	Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Cabins 5 miles from north entrance	221	x		x					x	x	$$$	Elevator. Open May 23-Sept. 8, 1987. Gift shop. Winter season: mid-December—early March.
	Old Faithful Inn 30 miles from west entrance	325	x		x					x	x	$$$	Deluxe rooms also available. National Historic Building. Gift shops. Open May 6-October 12, 1987.
	Old Faithful Snow Lodge 30 miles from west entrance	65	x		x					x	x	$$$	Rate is for cabins w/bath. Rooms w/bath also available. Open May 19-November 1, 1987. Winter season: mid-December—mid-March.
	Roosevelt Lodge and Cabins 29 miles from northeast entrance	78	x		x					x	x	$$	Rustic accommodations. Open June 7-Sept. 8, 1987.

Rest. = **Restaurant, on property or within walking distance**
R.S. = **Room Service**
Lnge. = **Lounge, on property**
Ent. = **Live entertainment**
S.P. = **Swimming Pool (i = indoor 0 = outdoor)**
A/C = **Air conditioning in rooms**
Hndcp. = **Handicapped Facilities**
Comp. = **Complimentary room for escort**
Parking = **Bus parking on property**

*** $** = **Under $30**
$$ = **$30 - $40**
$$$ = **Over $40**
***Rates are for 1987, based on double occupancy**

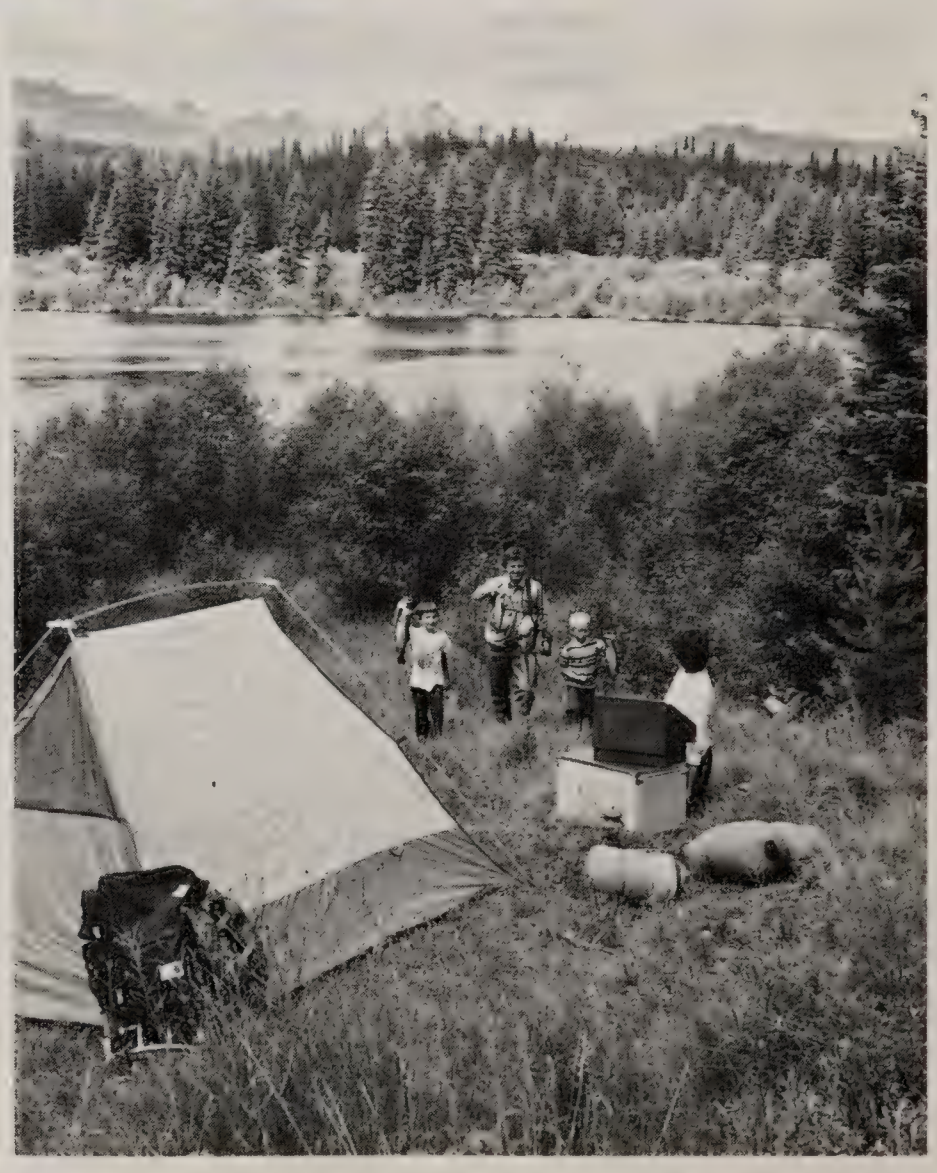
CAMPGROUNDS

Montana has a number of private campgrounds that can accommodate camping tours. For detailed information about campground facilities, contact the Montana Travel Promotion Bureau's group tour coordinator and request a current campground listing or contact:

Montana Campground Owners Association
c/o Ruby Pierce
P.O. Drawer A
St. Regis, MT 59866
406-649-2470

Campgrounds in Glacier National Park are managed on a first-come, first-served basis. In Yellowstone National Park, the Park Service maintains two campgrounds for groups. The maximum group size is 40. It's a good idea to reserve space in these campgrounds as much as a year in advance. To reserve space in these campgrounds, contact:

Visitor Services
National Park Service
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7381, ext. 2283



RESTAURANTS

Legend:

BU — Buffet/Smorgasbord
CS — Coffee Shop
FF — Fast Food
SD — Sit Down Dining

B — Breakfast
L — Lunch
D — Dinner
AE — American Express

CB — Carte Blanche
DC — Diners Club
MC — MasterCard
VI — Visa

y — yes
n — no
TE — Tour Escort
BD — Bus Driver

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Anaconda **59711**	Brown Derby 13902 Hwy. 10A West 406-563-5072	SD CS	B L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year Summer 7 am-11 pm Winter 8 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located near Georgetown Lake on Pintler Scenic Route.
	Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 406-797-3241 800-332-3272	SD BU CS	B L D	100	y	MC AE VI	All Year 6 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Swimming pools, tennis courts, 18-hole golf course. Satellite TV in lounge.
	Georgetown Lake Lodge Dentons Point Rd. 406-563-7020	SD BU	B L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year 7:30 am-2 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Log structure built in 1984. Overlooks Georgetown Lake. Marina, groceries.
	Jim & Clara's Dinner Club 509 East Park Ave. 406-563-3037	SD BU FF	B L D	150	y	MC	All Year 7 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Discounted menu for senior citizens on Monday and Wednesday.
	Lu's Drive In 1111 E. Park St. #12 Chestnut 406-563-3800 or 563-6291	SD FF	L D	25	n		All Year 11 am-11 pm		y	n	y	Burgers and sandwiches. Homemade soup, chili, cinnamon rolls.
	Reno Supper Club 100 Main St. 406-563-6247	SD	D	150	y	VI MC	All Year 5 pm-10 pm Closed Wednesday	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Daily specials — steaks, chicken, prime rib.
	The Hideaway 200 Main Street 1913 Hamburg 406-563-2707	SD FF CS BU	B L D	150	y	VI MC	All Year 6:30 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located in the old Marcus Daly Building, now the Montana Square. Daily and nightly specials. Tuesday evening ribs and chicken buffet.
Augusta **59410**	Cline's Wagons West Highway 287 Box 239 406-562-3295	SD	B L D	60	n		All Year 6 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Daily specials.
	Hegland's Gibson Lake Lodge Box 207 406-562-3500	SD BU	B L D	50	n		April 15-Dec. 15		y	n	y	Located at top of mountain in Sun River Canyon. Last stop before Bob Marshall Wilderness Area. Home cooking.
Ballantine **59006**	El Chaparral Inn Box 55 406-967-6600	SD	D	155	n	VI MC	All Year 4 pm-10 pm Closed Monday	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Outdoor dining available. Ethnic—Mexican Mexican decor.
	Longbranch Cafe Interstate 94, Exit 14 406-967-3855	SD	B L D	100	n		All Year 8 am-10 pm		y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Art collection by Bill Raines.
Belgrade **59714**	Bairs Restaurant I-90 Exit 298 Box 1290 406-388-4665	SD	B L D	165	y	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Near interstate.
Bigfork **59911**	Flathead Lake Lodge BBQ Flathead Lake Lodge Rd. Box 248 406-837-4391	BU	L D	150	n	MC	May-Sept. 11 am-8 pm	TE	y	y	y	Western barbecue by reservation only. Outdoor patio on the lakeshore with covered pavilion. Boat cruise also available. Rodeo show may be arranged with advance notice. Liquor available.
	The Bay Club 180 Vista Lane P.O. Box 663 406-837-5861	SD	B L D	100	y	AE CB VI DC MC	June-Sept. 7 am-10 pm Oct.-May 5 pm-10 pm		y	y	y	Located in Marina Cay Resort. American cuisine featuring fresh local ingredients. Poolside dining available in summer. Lounge on premises.
Big Sky **59716**	Bridget O'Briens Pub/Restaurant Meadow Village P.O. Box 8 406-995-4802 800-548-4488	SD	B D	45	n	AE VI MC	July-Sept. Dec.-April 7 am-10 am Dinner Thurs.-Sat.	BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located on 18-hole golf course/cross-country trail system.

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	Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge U.S. Hwy. 191 - 1 mile south P.O. Box 279 406-995-4111 800-822-4484	SD CS	B L D	60	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 7 am-4 pm 6 pm-9:30 pm	TE	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Western log decor. Horseback riding on property.
	Lone Mountain Ranch P.O. Box 69 406-995-4644	SD	L D	70	n	VI MC	June-April Noon-2 pm Dinner-6:30 pm	TE	y	n	y	Beer and wine available. 50-year-old western guest ranch offering hayride barbecues in summer and sleighride dinners in winter. Gourmet dining.
	M. R. Hummers Mountain Mall P.O. Box 171 406-995-4543	SD	L D	60	n	VI MC	July-Sept. Dec.-March 11 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty house drink — "The Moose River Hummer."
	The Whiskey Jack Mountain Mall P.O. Box 1 406-995-4082 800-548-4086	SD	L D	144	n	AE VI MC	Nov.-April June-Sept. 11:30 am-1:30 am	BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. New restaurant at bottom of ski hill — ski-in location.
Big Timber **59011**	Frye's Cafe Highway 10 West P.O. Box 670 406-932-5242	SD CS	B L D	100	y	DC VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Rustic log building with antiques and many wildlife mounts. Large gift shop.
Billings **59101**	Arapahoe Room/War Bonnet Inn I-90 & 27th Street 2612 Belknap Avenue 406-248-7761 800-624-8681 (in MT) 800-441-9413 (except MT)	SD CS	B L D	110	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE	y	n	y	Lounge on premises.
	Athenian Restaurant 18 North 29th Street 406-248-5681	SD	L D	72	n	VI MC	All Year 11 am-10 pm Closed Sunday		y	n	n	Beer and wine available. Authentic Greek cuisine of Rizovouni, Greece. Homemade desserts and entrees prepared daily.
	Bonanza Family Restaurant 444 24th Street West and 1341 Main St. (Heights) 406-656-9827 and 252-1833	SD BU	L D	240	y	AE	All Year 11 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Accept Discover Card, also. 25-foot soup and salad bar, soft serve sundae bar included with all meals. With advance notice, can put together a menu in any price range or time limit.
	Casey's Golden Pheasant Plaza 15 Bldg. 15 North 26th Street 406-256-5200	SD BU	L D	60	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 11 am-2 pm Closed Sunday	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in Billings historic district. Art-deco style with majestic 1870 mahogany back-bar. Live dinner theatre Friday and Saturday and by request. Live music nightly.
	Cattin's Family Dining 2525 1st Avenue North 406-252-3362	SD BU	B L D	120	y	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Located adjacent to Best Western Ponderosa Inn.
	Chinese Kitchen 117 S. 29th Street 406-259-0855	SD	L D	80	y	VI MC AE	All Year 11 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Ethnic—Chinese. Dim Sum. Homemade noodles.
	der Schwartzwald Dinner Theater and Supper Club I-90, exit 469 P.O. Box 752 406-252-6645	SD	D	150	y	VI MC	All Year 4 pm-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Dinner shows. German and American cuisine. Breakfast and lunch with advance request.
	Elmer's Pancake & Steakhouse 2455 Central and 875 Main Street 406-656-8292 and 245-0333	SD	B L D	180	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Breakfast, lunch and dinner specials Monday-Friday.
	Fire Pit Dining Room/Pancake Haus 1223 Mullowney Lane 406-248-7151 800-272-6232	SD CS	B L D	224	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in Ramada Inn just off I-90.
	Fuddruckers 2011 Overland Dr. (59102) 406-656-5455	BU FF	L D	200	y	AE VI DC MC	All Year 11 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine available. All bakery goods baked on property. Hamburger ground in own butcher shop. Senior citizens' platter available.

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	George Henry's Restaurant 404 N. 30th Street 406-245-4570	SD	B L D	150	y	AE MC VI	All Year 7 am-9 pm Closed Sunday	TE BD	y	y	y	Located in historic 106-year-old home. Home style cooking and other specialties. Mobil Guide three-star rating.
	Mrs. Butler's Kitchen 1005 Grand Avenue 406-252-4684	SD	L D	200	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 10:30 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Located in central part of city. Homecooked meals. Specialty—broasted chicken.
	Recipes I-90 & Mullowney Lane 5500 Midland Rd. 406-248-7701	CS BU	B L D	130	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located in the Billings Plaza Holiday Inn just off I-90. Recently remodeled dining and lounge areas. Free parking.
	Spur Bar & Chuckwagon Cafe 1201 1st Ave. North P.O. Box 30933 (59103) 406-252-2408	SD	L D	70	y	VI MC	All Year 11 am-10:30 pm Closed Sunday	BD	y	n	n	Lounge on premises. Western atmosphere with poker, keno, pool. Family-style cafe. Specialty—Rocky Mountain oysters.
	The Granary 1500 Poly Drive 406-259-3488	SD	D	80	y	AE VI MC	All Year 5:30 pm- 10:30 pm		y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Historic granary near Rocky Mountain College.
	Wendy's of Montana 1025 Grand Ave (245-6300) 1226 East Main (245-6500) 2906 2nd Ave. North (248-7647) 2295 Central Ave. (652-2111)	FF	L D	98	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	
Bozeman **59715**	Apple Tree Restaurant 712 Wheat Drive 406-586-1748	SD	B L D	126	n	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Located just off I-90. Can put together special menu with advance notice.
	Bonanza Family Restaurant University Square Shopping Center 406-586-8388	SD BU	L D	240	y	AE	All Year 11 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Accept Discover Card also. 25-foot soup and salad bar and soft serve sundae bar included with all meals. With advance notice, can put together a menu in any price range or time limit.
	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Frontier Pies 302 North 7th Ave. 614 West Lamme 406-586-5555	SD	B L D	120	y	VI MC	All Year 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Frontier decor with lots of antiques. Bakery on premises.
	Gnomes Gnest Restaurant 18H-19H Main Mall 2825 W. Main Street 406-586-9665	CS FF	L	48	n	VI MC	All Year 10 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Soup, salad, sandwich menu. Located in large indoor shopping mall with unique gift shops.
	GranTree Inn 1325 N. 7th Ave. 406-587-5261 800-624-5865	SD CS	B L D	100	y	AE VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located just off I-90. Newly remodeled dining and lounge area. Special requests for meals honored. Break stops welcome.
	Holiday Inn-Cantrell's I-90 & 7th Avenue 5 Baxter Lane 406-587-4561 800-HOLIDAY	SD CS	B L D	75	y	AE VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Near interstate.
	Livery Stable Main Mall 2825 W. Main 406-586-4683	SD	B L D	125	y	AE VI MC	All Year 11:30 am-4 pm 5:30 pm-10 pm Breakfast on Sunday only at 10:30 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in large indoor shopping mall. Western atmosphere with fine dining.
	McDonald's Restaurant 1503 West Main St. P.O. Box 1255 406-587-2506	SD FF	B L D	176	n		All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Newly remodeled. Award-winning McDonalds. Located near shopping.
	McDonald's Restaurant I-90 & 7th Avenue (822 Wheat Dr.) P.O. Box 1255 406-586-6756	SD FF	B L D	136 +	n		All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Contemporary decor featuring the work of local and area artists. Wednesday evening candlelight dinner with live entertainment from 5:30-7:30. Just off I-90 next to Super 8 and Prime Rate motels.

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	Overland Express 15 North Rouse P.O. Box 596 406-587-7982	SD	L D	150	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year Open at 4:30 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located in historic Bozeman Hotel which was completed in 1891. Steaks and seafood. Specialty—rack of lamb.
	The Bacchus Pub and The Rocky Mountain Pasta Co. 105 West Main P.O. Box 159 406-587-8848	SD	B L D	206	y	AE VI MC	All Year 7 am-10 pm	TE	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in historic Baxter Hotel. Recently renovated.
	The Smorgi 1603 West Main 406-586-1580	BU	L D	250	y	AE VI MC	All Year 11 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Food served buffet-style. All you can eat and free dessert. Located in full-service shopping center. Lovely plant-filled decor.
	Tom's Green Grill 319 North 7th Avenue 406-586-0500	SD CS	B L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	1940s and 50s motif. Wurlitzer juke box. Old movie posters. Homemade food.
	Wendy's of Montana 1015 West Main 406-587-8810	FF	L D	72	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	
Broadus **59317**	Montana Bar & Cafe Inc. Box 630 406-436-2454	SD	B L D	90	y		All Year 6 am-10 pm Closed Sunday		y	n	n	Liquor served.
Butte **59701**	Columbia Gardens Coffee Shop and Copper King's Dining Room 4655 Harrison Avenue 406-494-6666 800-332-8600 (in MT) 800-548-6008 (except MT)	SD CS	B L D	150	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located in the Copper King Inn near airport. Lounge on premises.
	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	John's Sandwich Shop (Pork Chop John's) 2400 Harrison Ave. 406-782-1783	FF	L D	55	n		All Year 10:30 am- 11:30 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	The John's Pork Chop Sandwich has been a Butte tradition for over 50 years.
	Lydia's Supper Club 5 Mile Harrison Ave. 406-494-2000	SD	D	210	y	VI MC	All Year Open at 5:30 pm		y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Magnificent stained glass collection.
	McDuff's Pancake & Steakhouse 2900 Harrison Ave. 406-494-2490	SD CS	B L D	250	y	AE VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Daily specials.
	Red Rooster Supper Club 3636 Harrison Ave. 406-494-4974	SD	D	160	y	VI MC	All Year 3 pm-12 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. 100-year-old stained glass. Historic photos of Butte depicting Copper Kings. 58 years in business.
	Walt's Husky House Restaurant I-90, Rocker Interchange 406-782-4547	SD	B L D	65	n		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Daily specials. Near I-90 and I-15. Gift shop with many Montana souvenirs.
	Wendy's of Montana 3221 Harrison Ave. 406-494-6031	FF	L D	90	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	
Charlo **59824**	Allentown Restaurant Hwy. 93 South of Ronan Box 131 Rt. 1 406-644-2588	SD	B L D	94	y	VI DC MC	All Year 7 am-11 pm	TE	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located at the base of the Mission Mountains and adjacent to Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge. 10 miles from National Bison Range.
Chinook **59523**	Chinook Motor Inn 100 Indiana & Hwy. 2 P.O. Box 1418 406-357-2248	SD	B L D	105	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Daily lunch and dinner specials. Wednesday buffet luncheon. Salad bar Saturday and Sunday evening.
Circle **59215**	Tastee Freez Highway 200 and 13 Box 295 406-485-3674	SD FF CS	L D	60	n		All Year 9 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	13—item salad bar.

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Clancy **59634**	The Exchange Bar and Supper Club I-15, 4 mi. s. of Helena Box 740, Montana City Route 406-449-8890	SD CS	B L D	175	y	VI MC	All Year 11 am-10 pm Breakfast on weekend only at 8:30 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Just off I-15.
Clinton **59825**	Ekstrom's Stage Station I-90 at Exit 126 Box 1010 406-825-3183	BU	B L D	85	y	VI MC	April-Nov. 8 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located just off I-90. Historic stagecoach station furnished with antiques. Homemade breads, pies. Fresh mountain trout. Unique shops on property—art, crafts, rock and gems, antiques.
	Rock Creek Lodge I-90, Exit 126 Star Rt. Box 835 406-825-4868	FF CS	B L D	150	n	VI MC	May-Oct. 7 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Free wild west museum. 10¢ coffee. Free souvenir to each customer. 40 years in business.
Colstrip **59323**	B & R Village Hwy. 39, 2 Mi. No. P.O. Box 67 406-748-3197	SD	B L D	55	n	VI MC	All Year 9 am-10 pm		y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Mini-store and Made in Montana gift shop on property.
	Bob's Place 17 Cherry P.O. Box 697 406-748-2566	SD	B L D	120	n		All Year 6 am-10 pm	BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine available. Specialty—pizza.
	The Coal Bowl 6111 Homestead Blvd. P.O. Box 1180 406-748-2695	SD FF CS	B L D	80	y		All Year 6 am-2 am Monday-Friday 9 am-12 am Sat. and Sun.	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. One block from Colstrip Mine & Power Plant Visitor Center.
Columbia Falls **59912**	Meadow Lake Restaurant 1415 Tamarack Lane 406-892-3242	SD	B L D	90	y	AE VI MC	All Year 7 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located at 18-hole championship golf course on western edge of Glacier National Park. Golf and meal packages available.
	Mountain Shadows Jct. Hwy. 2 and 206 P.O. Box 0 406-892-3632	SD BU	B L D	86	n	VI MC	All Year Winter 7 am-7 pm Summer 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located next to Big Sky Waterslide.
	Nite Owl Restaurant and Back Room Highway 2 West P.O. Box 187 406-892-2191	SD CS	B L D	200	y		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine available. Specialty—BBQ ribs, broasted chicken, pizza.
	Pines Cafe and Museum of Mounted Fish Highway 2 and 1st Ave. West P.O. Box 1179 406-892-3712	SD	B L D	115	y		All Year 6 am-10 pm Sunday 7:30 am-6 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	There are 21 species of fish and 5 state records mounted on the walls. The main dining room is built around a live, 75-foot-tall ponderosa pine.
	Pizza Hut 411 9th Street West P.O. Box 1477 406-892-3025	SD FF	L D	100	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	n	Beer served.
Conrad **59425**	Home Cafe 408½ South Main P.O. Box 1471 406-278-5922	SD	B L D	54	n		All Year 6 am-7: 30 pm	TE BD	y	n	n	Homemade pastries, pies, soup. Daily specials.
Corwin Springs **59021**	The Ranch Kitchen Hwy. 89 Box A 406-848-7358	SD	B L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year Winter 8 am-9 pm Summer 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Ethnic—Italian and Mexican. Specialties—New York pizza, vegetarian dishes and prize-winning desserts. Naturally-grown produce and meats from own ranch. Located 7 miles north of Yellowstone National Park.
Crow Agency **59022**	Last Stand Eatery I-90 & Hwy. 212 Junction P.O. Box 667 406-638-4434	SD CS	B L D	125	y	AE VI MC	All Year Summer 7 am-10 pm Winter 9 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located next to Custer Battlefield. Specialties—Indian tacos, buffalo, Custer burger. World's largest canvas teepee available for tour dinners. Crow Indian dancers available for entertainment. Large gift shop featuring Indian artwork and beadwork.

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Cut Bank **59427**	Pizza Hut Highway 2 S.W. 406-873-4145	SD FF	L D	90	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer served.
	Village Dining and Lounge Northern Village Shopping Center 406-873-5005	SD	B L D	200	y	CB VI DC MC	All Year 6:30 am-9:30 pm	TE	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Daily meal specials.
Darby **59829**	Triple Creek Ranch West Fork Route 406-821-4408	SD BU	D	50	y	AE VI MC	All Year 5 pm-10 pm Closed Monday and Tuesday.		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Sunday buffet noon - 3 pm. Complete working guest ranch located at the base of Trapper Peak. Spectacular mountain scenery. Outdoor dining available.
Deer Lodge **59722**	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Scharf's Family Restaurant 819 Main Street 406-846-3300	SD	B L D	180	y	AE VI MC	All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer and wine served. Located near Old Prison museum complex.
Dillon **59725**	Crosswinds Family Restaurant 1008 South Atlantic 406-683-6370	SD CS FF	B L D	75	n	CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Easy access from I-15. Near Western Montana College. Mountain view.
	Towne Inn Pizza Parlor 840 N. Montana, #18 406-683-4342 or 683-2206	SD	L D	56	n		All Year 11:30 am-1:30 pm 4 pm-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Pizza, sandwiches, chicken.
East Glacier Park **59434**	Glacier Villager Restaurant and Villager Dining Room Highway 2 & Highway 49 Junction Box 126 406-226-4464	SD BU	B L D	150	n		May-Sept. 6 am-9 pm Dining Room 5 pm-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine available. Two separate restaurants located side by side. Speedy cafeteria service in restaurant. Dining room offers continental and traditional dining. Family owned and operated 34 years on eastern edge of Glacier National Park.
	Goat Lick Steak & Rib House Glacier Park Lodge 406-226-9311 800-332-9351 (in MT)	SD	B L D	175	y	VI MC	Early June-mid-Sept. 7 am-9 am 12 pm-2 pm 6 pm-9 pm		y	y	y	Western BBQ and steaks with beans, corn on the cob, Indian fry bread. Located in historic "big tree" lodge with view of garden and mountains. Full resort, golf course, heated pool, hayride/cookout, park tours on 1936 rollback-top scenic coaches.
	Summit Station Highway 2 at Marias Pass Box 167 406-226-4428	SD	B L D	61	n	VI MC	All Year 9 am-10 pm Closed Monday	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. New chalet-style building atop Marias Pass offers spectacular view of Glacier National Park from southern border.
	Thimbleberry Park Drive Box 68 406-226-5523	SD	B L D	50	n		June-Sept. 6:30 am-9:30 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Rustic log building with homemade furniture. Unique decor. Specialty—Indian fry bread.
Ekalaka **59324**	Back Door W. Main Street Box 252 406-775-6540 or 775-6661	SD	B L D	65	n		All Year 8 am-10:30 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Decor features antique and rustic pictures.
Ennis **59729**	Betties Cafe 101 E. Main St. P.O. Box 366 406-682-9905	SD	B L D	75	n	MC VI	Summer 6 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer and wine available. Daily specials.
	Continental Divide Restaurant 320 Main St. P.O. Box 622 406-682-7600 (or 586-0607 in winter)	SD	D	30	y	VI MC	June-Oct. 6 pm-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	n	Dining Guide to North America says, " Chef Jay Bentley operates the best restaurant in Montana." Lounge on premises.
Florence **59833**	Glen's Cafe Highway 93 Box 315 406-273-2534	SD	B L D	60	n		All Year 9 am-8 pm		y	n	y	Reader's Digest (9/83) said, "best pie in the world." Beef raised on own ranch.
Forsyth **59327**	Blue Spruce Cafe 109 South 10th Ave. P.O. Box 955 406-356-7955	SD	B L D	100	y	MC VI	All Year 6 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Daily meal specials. Homemade soup, rolls, doughnuts.

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Fort Benton **59442**	Jones' Freeze 1722 Front St. Box 95 406-622-5071	FF	L D	25	n		April-Oct. 11 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located across the street from the Lewis and Clark statue and historical museum and adjacent to old "Fort Benton." Picnic tables.
Gallatin Gateway **59730**	Karst Stage Stop Inn Box 84, Canyon Route 406-995-4279	SD	B L D	135	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-2 am	TE BD	y	n	y	First dude ranch and ski resort in Montana. Located near Gallatin River in scenic Gallatin Canyon. Lounge on premises. Horseback riding, fishing available.
Gardiner **59030**	Town Cafe & Motel Front Street Box 127 406-848-7322	SD	B L D	150	y	VI AE MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Loft dining room overlooks north entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Large gift shop with many Made in Montana products. Lounge on premises. Home cooked food.
Glasgow **59230**	Cottonwood Inn Restaurant Hwy. 2 East Box 1240 406-228-8213	SD	B L D	70	y	AE CB VI MC DC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Daily meal specials. Sunday buffet. Home cooked food. Easy access off Highway 2.
	Johnnie Cafe, Inc. 433 1st Ave. So. 406-228-4222	SD	B L D	120	n		All Year 24 hours		y	n	n	Home style food and home baked pastries. 70 years in business.
	Sam's Supper Club and Lounge 307 Klein Ave. 406-228-4614	SD	L D	100	n	VI MC	All Year 11 am-11:30 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Hours flexible depending on needs of tour group. Homemade soup, desserts, baked goods. Steaks, seafood and Mexican cuisine.
Glendive **59330**	CC's Family Cafe 1902 North Merrill Avenue P.O. Box 1381 406-365-8926	SD	B L D	60	n		All Year 6 am-10 pm		y	n	y	Home cooked meals. Daily specials. Walking distance to three motels.
	Jordan Coffee Shop & Blue Room 222 North Merrill Avenue P.O. Box 741 406-365-2112 or 365-5656	SD CS	B L D	300	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located downtown in Holiday Lodge. J. K. Ralston western art collection and famous Klapmeir moss agate jewelry collection on display.
Great Falls **59401**	Best Western Heritage Inn 1700 Fox Farm Road 406-761-1900	SD CS	B L D	165	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Fun Dome with a little taste of New Orleans. Specialty menus available. Lounge on premises. Easy access off I-15.
	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 220 Central Avenue 406-761-3410 800-528-1234	SD CB	B L D	125	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Special menu items upon request. Downtown location.
	Bootlegger Trail Restaurant 400 10th Avenue South (59405) 406-727-7200 800-626-8009 (in MT) 800-257-1998 (except MT)	SD CS	B L D	134	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty — steaks.
	Burger King 1605 10th Avenue South 406-452-3602	FF	B L D	120	n		All Year 6 am-1:30 am	TE BD	y	y	n	
	Country Kitchen Holiday Village Shopping Mall 1216 10th Avenue South 406-454-1171	SD CS	B L D	130	n		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	
	Eddie's Supper Club & Coffee Shop 3725 2nd Avenue North 406-453-1616	SD CS	B L D	266	y		All Year 10 am-11 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Italian. Steaks. Will direct bill. Owned and operated by same family since 1944.
	Elmers Pancakes & Steaks 1600 Fox Farm Road 406-761-2400	SD CS	B L D	200	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Easy access off I-15. Breakfast served all day. Western art displays.
	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Pizza Hut 1518 10th Avenue South 406-761-4121	SD	L D	150	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Liquor served. Large parking lot. Ethnic — pizza.

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	Pizza Hut Westgate Shopping Center 406-727-5445	SD	L D	80	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Liquor served.
	Robbie's Restaurant Holiday Village Mall (59405) 406-761-7160	CS	B L D	135		VI MC	All Year 8 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Located in large enclosed shopping mall — over 100 stores.
	The Broker Restaurant 3rd Street at 1st Ave. North 406-727-8200 800-332-9940	SD CS	B L D	75	y	AE VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in historic Rainbow Hotel built in 1911. Recently renovated with 1920s decor throughout. Original Tiffany glass ceiling in ballroom. Downtown location.
	The Jack Club 1512 Vaughn Road P.O. Box 411 406-452-2207	SD	D	145	y	VI MC	All Year 4:30 pm- 10:30 pm	TE	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Italian. Famous for homemade raviola. Seafood, steak, lamb, veal, chicken. Buffet upon request.
	The Sting Family Restaurant 1826 10th Avenue South 406-727-7972	SD BU	L D	200	n	AE VI MC	All Year 11 am-2 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. 1920s decor. Sandwiches, steaks, pizza, chicken, ribs.
	Tracy's Restaurant 127 Central Avenue 406-453-6108	SD CS	B L D	85	n		All Year 24 hours		y	n	y	Downtown location. 1 block from Civic Center. 34 years in business.
	Wendy's of Montana 806 10th Avenue South 406-761-2365	FF	L D	86	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	
Greenough **59836**	Loran's Clearwater Inn Clearwater Junction P.O. Box 20 406-244-5535	SD BU	B L D	150	y		All Year 9 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Located at junction of Mt. Hwy. 200 and Mt. Hwy. 82. Lounge on premises. Two unique elk mounts and upside down and backward bar. Gateway to Seeley-Swan Valley.
Hamilton **59840**	Coffee Cup Cafe 500 South 1st Street 406-363-3822	SD	B L D	170	y	AE VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Country decor with antiques and art gallery. On Hwy. 93. Lunch and dinner specials.
	Pizza Hut 1002 North First Street P.O. Box 535 406-363-1502	SD	L D	90	n		All Year 11 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salad.
Hardin **59034**	Bairs Restaurant I-90, Crawford Street Exit Route 1 406-665-3960	SD	B L D	105	y		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Near I-90.
	Bob's Place 501 North Center Avenue P.O. Box 304 406-665-1310	SD FF	L D	130	y	VI MC	All Year 11 am-11 pm	BD	y	y	y	Liquor served. Pizza, sandwiches and hamburgers. Daily specials. Homemade soup.
Havre **59501**	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Iron Horse Pancake House 335 1st Street 406-265-7891	SD BU	B L D	160	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-9 pm	TE	y	n	y	Lunch and dinner specials. Sunday brunch 8:30 am-1 pm.
	Pizza Hut 330 West First 406-265-2241	SD	L D	80	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salad.
Helena **59601**	Arctic Circle 1130 Helena Avenue 406-442-2551	SD FF	L D	84	n		All Year 9:30 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Easy access off Highway 12. Outside patio seats 32 — weather permitting.
	Bob's Pizza Plus Capital Hill Mall 1400 11th Avenue 406-442-0802	FF	L D	32	n		All Year Monday-Friday 10 am-9 pm Sat. 10 am-6 pm Sun. 12 pm-5 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located in enclosed shopping mall near State Capitol and Historical Society.
	Bonanza Family Restaurant Capital Hill Mall 406-443-3377	SD BU	L D	210	y	VI MC	All Year 11 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Located in enclosed shopping mall. 25-foot soup and salad bar with every meal. 10% discount for senior citizens.
	Country Kitchen of Helena 2000 Prospect 406-443-7457	SD CS	B L D	88	n		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Easy access off Highway 12 and I-15. Located near several motels. 10% discount to tours with advance notice.

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	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Frontier Town MacDonald Pass, Highway 12 P.O. Box 836 406-442-4560	SD BU	L D	300	y	VI MC	April-Oct. 9 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Unique rock and log village overlooking Helena valley.
	Huckleberry Finn's 2301 Colonial Drive 406-443-2100	SD BU	B L D	140	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Italian entrees. Located in Best Western Colonial Inn. Easy access off I-15.
	Husky House Restaurant 3122 Prospect Avenue 406-442-7430	SD	B L D	78	n	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Easy access off I-15 and Highway 12.
	JB's Resaturant 630 North Montana Avenue 406-443-4111	SD FF BU CS	B L D	110	y	MC	All Year 6:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	n	y	$1.99 breakfasts Monday-Friday until 11 am. Weekday $2.99 dinner special. Weekend brunch. Large salad bar.
	Jorgenson's Holiday Restaurant 1720 11th Avenue 406-442-6380 800-272-1770	SD	B L D	200	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6:30 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Adjacent to Capital Hill Mall. Near Capitol.
	McDoogal, O'Malley & Me Capital Hill Mall 406-449-2570	SD	L	90	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Live Keno. Located in enclosed shopping mall.
	On Broadway 106 Broadway 406-443-1929	SD	D	110	n	AE VI MC	All Year 5 pm-10 pm		y	y	y	Beer and wine available. Fine dining featuring northern and southern Italian cuisine. Veal, chicken, seafood, steaks. 1 block off historic Last Chance Gulch.
	Pizza Hut 1133 Helena Avenue 406-442-4010	SD	L D	120	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	n	Beer served. Ethnic — Pizza. Sandwiches, salad, pasta.
	Pizza Hut 1001 Euclid Avenue 406-443-0746	SD	L D	120	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer served. Ethnic — Pizza. Sandwiches, salad, pasta. 10-15% discounts to all large groups.
	Suds Hut 2701 North Montana 406-442-0116	SD	L D	100	n		All Year 11 am-12 am		y	n	y	Beer and wine available. Live Keno. Specialty — broasted chicken.
	The Hofbrau 908 Euclid 406-442-9880	SD FF	L D	350	n	VI MC	All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty — broasted chicken. Daily luncheon specials.
	Victor's 22 North Last Chance Gulch 406-443-2200 800-332-2290	SD BU CS	B L D	200	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm		y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — monthly specials. Located on historic Last Chance Gulch and pedestrian mall. Near downtown shopping. Located in Park Plaza Hotel.
	Village Inn Pancake House 1600 Prospect Avenue 406-443-5500	SD	B L D	165	y	VI MC	All Year Winter 6:30 am-8 pm Summer 6:30 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Specialty — breakfast foods, crepes, blintzes, waffles, pancakes. Adjacent to Capital Hill Shopping Center, just off I-15.
	Wendy's of Montana 1900 Prospect Avenue 406-443-0040	FF	L D	84	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	
	Yat Son Chinese Restaurant 2 South Last Chance Mall 406-442-5405	SD	D	200	y		All Year Tues.-Friday 4 pm-11 pm Sat. 4 pm-9 pm Closed Sun. & Mon.		y	y	n	Beer and wine available. Ethnic — Chinese. In business since 1901. Located on historic Last Chance Gulch and pedestrian mall. Reservations advised.
Hungry Horse **59919**	Mike & Aggie's Hide-A-Way 9050 Highway 2 East P.O. Box 400 406-387-5997	SD	L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year 3 pm-2 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty — steaks and seafood. Lunch by advance request only. Located 6 miles from Glacier National Park at turnoff to Hungry Horse Dam.

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Joliet **59041**	American Log Cabin Cafe Highway 212 South P.O. Box 413 406-962-3938	SD BU CS	B L D	60	y		All Year 6 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Huge log building on route to Beartooth Highway and Yellowstone National Park. Collection of 800 Avon bottles.
	Fort Rockvale Restaurant Route 1 P.O. Box 60 406-962-3963	SD BU	B L D	100	n		All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Sunday buffet noon-8 pm. Located at junction of Highway 212 and 72 — two routes to Yellowstone National Park.
Kalispell **59901**	Brocklesby's "English" Fish & Chips 1st Avenue East & Center Street 406-752-4665	SD	L D	103	n		All Year 11 am-7 pm Closed Sunday	TE BD	y	n	y	Owned and operated by an English couple who operated a fish & chips shop in England. Homemade pies, English custard. Soups and salads.
	Cavanaugh's Atrium Restaurant 20 North Main Street 406-752-6660 800-THE-INNS	SD	B L D	140	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6:30 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in Cavanaugh's Motor Inn. Connected to 50-store Kalispell Center shopping mall.
	Diamond Lil's 1680 Hwy. 93 South 406-752-3467	SD	L D	135	y	AE VI DC MC	All Year 11 am-2 am		y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Some Chinese dishes. Elegant dining, decor.
	Grumpa's Eatin' Barn 1625 South Hwy. 93 753 1st Avenue E.N. 406-257-2103	FF	L D	60	n		All Year Summer 9 am-9 pm Winter 9 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Daily specials. Large selection of sandwiches. Homemade baked goods. Special requests honored.
	Hennessy's Restaurant 1710 Hwy. 93 South 406-755-6100	SD BU	B L D	250	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year Summer 6 am-11 pm Winter 6 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Located in the Best Western Outlaw Inn. Lounge on premises. A Kalispell tradition for over 40 years. Half off on meals to driver and escort. Sunday brunch and homestyle chicken dinner.
	Italian Villa 1310 Hwy. 93 South 406-752-3320	SD	L D	65	n	VI MC	All Year 12 pm-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Ethnic — Italian. Some American dishes. Located within walking distance of several motels.
	Kentucky Fried Chicken 60 North Main Street 406-755-3279	SD FF	L D	60	n		All Year Winter 11 am-9 pm Summer 11 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Near junction of Hwy. 2 and Hwy. 93.
	McDonald's of Kalispell 1110 Hwy. 2 West 406-755-7161	FF	B L D	130	n		All Year 6:30-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	
	MJ's Restaurant 1600 Highway 93 South 406-257-8666	SD	B L D	125	n	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Daily lunch and dinner specials.
	Moose's Saloon 173 North Main Street 406-755-2337	FF	L D	150	n		All Year 11 am-2 am	TE BD	y	n	n	Beer and wine served. Pizza, sandwiches, homemade soups. Famous character bar in Montana. Sawdust floors, turn-of-the-century decor.
	Pancho Magoo's 1301 Highway 93 South 406-755-4778	SD BU	B L D	150	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — some Mexican. Located near several motels. Unique atmosphere. Each room has a different decor. Antiques, pump organs. Lunch and dinner specials. Over 40 Keno, bingo and poker machines.
	Pizza Hut 135 West Idaho 406-257-2220	SD	L D	80	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	n	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches and salad.
	The Smorgi 1307 Hwy. 2 West 406-257-7111	BU	L D	250	y	VI MC	All Year May-Sept. 11 am-9 pm Winter 11 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	All meals served buffet style. Can serve 80 people in 10 minutes. Soup and salad bar. Dessert bar. Sunday brunch. Wed. — BBQ. Friday — seafood.
	Wendy's of Montana 520 East Idaho 406-257-5839	FF	L D	80	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	

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Lewistown **59457**	Little Big Men 630 N.E. Main Street P.O. Box 46 406-538-2433	BU FF CS	L D	100	n		All Year 11 am-11 pm	TE	y	y	y	Beer and wine available. Pizza.
	Pizza Hut 1640 West Main Street P.O. Box 916 406-538-5472	SD	L D	80	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salad.
	Snow White Cafe 122 West Main Street 406-538-3666	SD	B L D	90	y		All Year 5:30 am-10 pm Closed Monday	TE	y	n	n	Daily luncheon specials.
	The Whole Famdamily 206 West Main Street 406-538-5161	SD	L D	75	n	AE VI MC	All Year 11 am-8 pm Closed Sunday	TE	y	n	n	Beer and wine available. All homemade food without grills or fryers.
	Yogo Inn Hotel 211 East Main Street P.O. Box 939 406-538-8721	SD CS	B L D	125	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year Winter 6 am-9 pm Summer 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Old railroad depot converted to hotel. Exact center of Montana.
Libby **59923**	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Henry's Restaurant Libby Shopping Center 405 West 9th Street 406-293-7911	SD FF CS	B L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year 5 am-10 pm		y	n	y	AAA listed.
	White Knight Pub & Seafood Mineral Plaza 419 Mineral Avenue 406-293-6541	SD	L D	60	n	AE VI MC	All Year 10 am-9 pm Closed Sunday	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer and wine served. Specialty — fresh seafood and homemade clam chowder.
Lima **59739**	Kalbas Korners Cafe 108 Bailey P.O. Drawer N 406-276-3520	SD	B L D	70	y		All Year	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine served. Specialty — homemade pies and soups. Just off I-15 at Lima exit. Large selection of western books and Made in Montana gift items. Advance notice required. Break stops discouraged.
Lincoln **59639**	Lambkin's of Lincoln Hwy. 200 P.O. Box 216 406-362-4271	SD CS	B L D	85	y		All Year Summer 6 am-10 pm Winter 6 am-9 pm	BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Lunch specials daily. Specialty — homemade soups and cream pies.
Livingston **59047**	Kentucky Fried Chicken 204 East Park Street 406-222-3311	SD FF	L D	90	n		All Year Summer 11 am-10 pm Winter 11 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Air conditioning.
	Livingston Bar & Grill 130 North Main Street 406-222-7909	SD	L D	85	y	VI MC	All Year 11:30 am-12 am	TE	y	n	n	Lounge. Ethnic — some Cajun. Specialty — buffalo burger. Antique handcarved, shadow mahogany back bar which came from France in 1800.
	Martin's Cafe N.P. Depot, Main Street P.O. Box 1095 406-222-2311	SD BU	B L D	107	n		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Located in the Northern Pacific Railroad Complex listed in the National Register of Historic Places. In business since 1902. Lunch specials. Senior citizen menus. Breakfast served 24 hours.
	Paradise Inn I-90, Exit 333 P.O. Box 684 406-222-6320	SD	B L D	125	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-10:30 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Mexican. Located at intersection of I-90 and U.S. Highway 89.
	The Sport 114 South Main Street P.O. Box 484 406-222-6320	SD FF	L D	85	y	VI MC	All Year 11 am-10 pm	BD	y	y	n	Lounge on premises. Business established in 1909. Original Old West decor. Lots of antiques, stained glass, player piano, animal mounts, calico tablecloths. Specialties — BBQ ribs, chicken, name your own burger.

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	Trail Ride Inn Family Restaurant 1306 East Park Street P.O. Box 648 406-222-1071	SD	B L D	150	n	VI MC	May-Sept. 7 am-9 pm Closed Sunday	TE BD	y	n	y	
	Yellowstone Motor Inn 1515 West Park Street 406-222-6110 800-826-1214	SD BU CS	B L D	100	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	BD	y	n	y	Just off I-90 at exit 333. Lounge on premises. Ethnic dishes upon request. Daily specials, soup and salad bar. Special requests honored. Dining in pool area with advance notice.
Loma **59460**	Loma Cafe Highway 87 P.O. Box 125 406-739-4252	SD	B L D	60	n	VI MC	All Year 7 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Located at the junction of the Marias, Teton and Missouri rivers. Daily specials.
Medicine Lake **59247**	Kaye's Kitchen P.O. Box 233 406-963-2347	SD BU CS	B L D	54	n		All Year 6 am-7 pm Sun. 6 am-3 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Daily specials. Homemade rolls, pastries, pies, french fries, hashbrowns.
Miles City **59301**	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Hardee's Restaurant 903 South Haynes P.O. Box 96 406-232-5694	SD FF	B L D	96	y		All Year 5:45 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located just off I-94. 10% discount for senior citizens. Ample parking.
	McDonald's 1120 South Haynes Avenue 2216 Sudlow 406-232-0775	FF	B L D	90	n		All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Just off I-94. Newly opened. Ample parking.
	Munchie's Restaurant 1219 South Haynes Avenue P.O. Box 1348 406-232-1334	FF	L D	76	n		All Year 11 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Specialty — country fried chicken. Soup and salad bar, hard ice cream. Located at junction of I-94 and Highway 312 near several motels.
Missoula **59801**	Apple Tree Restaurant 700 East Broadway 406-542-2752	SD	B L D	136	y	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Unique setting **over** Rattlesnake Creek. Located 1 block off I-90.
	Bonanza Family Restaurant 3309 Brooks 406-549-9922	SD BU	L D	212	y	AE	All Year 11 am- 9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Accept Discover Card, also. 25-foot soup and salad bar and soft serve sundae bar included with all meals. With advance notice, can put together a menu in any price range and time limit.
	Casa Pablo's 227 West Main 406-721-3854	SD	L D	80	n	VI MC	Summer 10:30 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	n	Beer and wine served. Ethnic — authentic Mexican cuisine. All you can eat taco salad bar. Family-operated business in downtown location.
	Edgewater Restaurant 100 Madison (59802) 406-728-3100 800-547-8010	SD CS	B L D	210	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE	y	y	y	Located in the Village Red Lion Motor Inn. Lounge on premises. 1986 Mobil 4-Star. Overlooks Clark Fork River and Hellgate Canyon. Daily lunch and dinner specials. 15% discount to AARP, Mature Outlook and Silver Pages members.
	4B's Restaurant 3495 W. Broadway P.O. Box 7369 406-543-8265 800-332-6210	SD CS	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	Restaurants located in Bozeman, Butte, Deer Lodge, Havre, Helena, Great Falls, Miles City, Missoula, Libby and Polson.
	Goldsmith's Premium Ice Cream & Bakery 809 East Front Street 406-721-6732	CS	L	50	n		All Year 11:30 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Indoor and outdoor seating overlooking the Clark Fork River and the newly completed riverfront park. Low-priced gourmet lunches, premium ice cream, desserts. Ice cream and baked goods made on premises.
	Heidelhaus 2620 Brooks 406-543-3200	SD	L D	460	y	VI MC	All Year 11 am-2 am	TE BD	y	y	y	Liquor served. Ethnic — German cuisine. Steak and lobster, pizza, sandwiches, special dinners. 25 years in business.

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	Jilly's Eating Emporium 1204 West Kent 406-721-2705	FF	L D	65	n	VI MC	All Year 8 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Decorated with antiques and historical memorabilia. Classical or ragtime music in background. Deli sandwiches, hot meals, daily specials.
	Joker's Wild Restaurant 4928 North Reserve Street P.O. Box 8416 c/o Ronald Dionne 406-549-4403	SD	B L D	100	y	AE VI MC	All Year 6 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Unique menu. Daily specials. Decor includes clowns, jokers, moose, brooms. Casino, pool, live poker, big screen TV. Waitresses in costumes. Homemade crafts and gifts available.
	Muralt's Plaza Cafe I-90, Exit 96 R.R. 2 406-728-8182	SD	B L D	116	n	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Mexican. Located at junction of I-90 and Hwy. 93. Adjacent to Days Inn. Complete service for motorcoaches, including dumping facility. Convenience store and souvenir items in complex.
	Pizza Hut 801 East Broadway 406-721-0149	SD	L D	110	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	n	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, salad, sandwiches.
	Pizza Hut 3851 Brooks 406-251-4417	SD	L D	105	n		All Year 11 am-12 am	TE BD	y	y	n	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, salad, sandwiches.
	The Encore 200 South Pattee Street (59802) 406-721-8550 800-824-4536	SD BU CS	B L D	126	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6:30 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located in the Sheraton Missoula Hotel. Lounge on premises. Featuring fresh New England seafood flown in twice weekly. Chef will prepare a motorcoach special! Located in a park-like setting along the Clark Fork River.
	The Golden Pheasant 318 North Higgins (59802) 406-728-9953	SD	L D	120	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 11:30 am-12 am Closed Sunday		y	n	n	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Chinese.
	The Original Montana Pie Co. 910 Brooks 406-728-7437	SD	B L D	140	y	VI MC	Winter 7 am-10 pm Summer 7 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Specialty — homemade pies! Daily specials offered Monday-Friday. Cozy booths and tables surrounded by antiques and Old West memorabilia. Economical meals. Central location.
	Wendy's of Montana 3011 Brooks Avenue 406-728-1393	FF	L D	80	n		All Year 10:30 am-1 am	TE BD	y	y	y	
Moore **59464**	Eddie's Corner, Inc. Junction U.S. 87 & 191 R.R. 1 406-374-2471	SD	B L D	70	y	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Building is heated and cooled by an award-winning heat recovery system.
Paradise **59856**	Quinn's Hot Springs Resort Highway 135, 3 Mi. So. of Hwy. 200 P.O. Box 12 406-826-3150	SD	B L D	100	y	VI MC	All Year See comments.	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Can open anytime for minimum group of 10. Located at mile marker 19.
Polson **59860**	4B's Restaurant 800-332-6210	SD	B L D	130	n	VI DC MC	All Year 24 hours	BD	y	y	y	See corporate headquarters listing under Missoula.
	Pizza Hut Highway 93 East Route 1, Box 13D 406-883-6277	SD	L D	80	n		All Year 11 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	n	Beer served. Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salads.
	"R" Place Highway 93 Rt. 1, Box 20 406-883-2627	SD FF	B L D	60	n		All Year 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Ethnic — Mexican and American. Located across from Flathead Lake.
	The Schiefelbein Haus East Shore, Hwy. 35 406-887-2431	SD	B L D	60	n		April-Sept. 7 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Ethnic — German. Wine and beer served. Bavarian decor complete with beer garden (patio) and music. Happy German atmosphere.

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Red Lodge **59068**	Natali's Restaurant & Bar 115 South Broadway P.O. Box 40 406-446-3333	SD	L D	100	y	AE VI MC	All Year 11 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — French, German and Italian. International decor with large Jim Beam bottle collection. Luncheon specials daily.
Roundup **59072**	Busy Bee Family Dining 317 1st Avenue West P.O. Box 781 406-323-2204 or 323-1788	SD CS	B L D	180	y	VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine served. Daily lunch and dinner specials. Broasted chicken, homebaked items, large salad bar, homemade pies, large selection of hard ice cream. Located on Highway 12.
St. Mary **59417**	Park Cafe Hwy. 89 406-732-4482 or 732-5583	SD CS	B L D	50	n	VI MC	May 20-Sept. 20 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Famous homemade pies. Mexican specialties, char-broiled steak, chicken, burgers. Adjoining gift shop, grocery store, gas stations.
	St. Mary Lodge Dining Room Highway 89 & Going-to-the-Sun Road 406-732-4431	SD	B L D	190	y	AE VI MC	May 15-Sept. 30 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty — home smoked meats, bakery items, fudge. Large gift shop with Made in Montana products. In business for over 50 years.
St. Regis **59866**	Jasper's Restaurant Old Highway 10 P.O. Drawer L 406-649-9750	SD	B L D	60	n	VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Recently redecorated with historic area photos. Located one block from John Mullan Statue.
	Rosie's Cafe P.O. Box 277 406-649-9780	SD	B L D	55	y		All Year 6 am-10 pm	BD	y	n	y	Homestyle cooking. All homemade foods. Daily specials. 30¢ coffee. Free coffee with meals.
	Wagon Room Restaurant I-90, Exit 33 P.O. Drawer G 406-649-2407	SD	B L D	102	n	AE VI MC	All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	y	y	Beer and wine served. New facility. Decor features major western art pieces and Indian artifacts. Just off interstate. Spacious restrooms.
Shelby **59474**	Bairs Restaurant I-15, Exit 363 P.O. Box 884 406-434-2623	SD FF	B L D	55	n		All Year 24 hours	TE BD	y	n	y	Located at junction of I-15 and U.S. Highway 2.
	Capital Cafe 248 Main Street 406-434-2991	SD	B L D	65	n		All Year 5 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Daily specials. Evening meal includes steaks and seafood. In business for 50 years.
	Dixie Inn Highway 2 West P.O. Box 192 406-434-5817	SD	B L D	80 +	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located at intersection of I-15 and U.S. Highway 2.
	Hong Kong Chan's Restaurant 200 Front Street P.O. Box 767 406-434-2646	SD	L D	84	y	VI MC	All Year 11:30 am-10 pm Closed Monday	TE BD	y	n	n	Ethnic — Chinese. 10% discount for groups of 30 or more.
Sidney **59270**	Kentucky Fried Chicken 202 East Main 406-482-4554	SD FF	L D	60	n		All Year 9 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Specialty — spud nuts. Chicken, fish and sandwiches.
Stanford **59479**	By-Way Cafe South edge of town P.O. Box 162 406-566-2631	SD	B L D	65	n	VI MC	All Year 6 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located just off Hwy. 87 and 200 in the heart of Charlie Russell country. Local courthouse features a mounted white wolf on display.
Stevensville **59870**	Hootnany 171 Wildwood Lane P.O. Box 21 406-777-2538	SD	L D	45	n		All Year Tues.-Sat. 11 am-9 pm Sunday & Monday 4 pm-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Specialty — BBQ dinners, sandwiches. Rustic atmosphere. All meat is smoked. Homemade chili.
Three Forks **59752**	Steer In I-90 & Highway 287 10771 Hwy. 287 406-285-6694	SD	L D	130	n	VI MC	All Year 11 am-12 am	BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Easy access from two major routes.
Thompson Falls **59873**	Granny's Homecooking Restaurant 915 Main Street 201 Thompson River Road 406-827-3747 or 827-4267	SD CS	B L D	84	n	VI MC	All Year 5:30 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer and wine served. Prime beef grown locally. Daily specials.

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Townsend **59644**	A & W Drive Inn 512 North Front Street P.O. Box 887 406-266-3350	FF	L D	30+	n		All Year 11 am-8 pm	BD	y	n	y	10% discount for senior citizens. Daily specials. Seating for 80 outside on patio. On U.S. Highway 287.
Troy **59935**	Silver Spur Highway 2 P.O. Box 327 406-295-9937	SD	B L D	90	y	VI MC	All Year 6 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty — chicken tostados. Decor features antique still lifes, wood carvings, wood murals and antiques.
	Tin Horn Hank's Chuckwagon Highway 2 P.O. Box 885 406-295-5734	CS	L D	50	n	VI	All Year Sun.-Thurs. 9 am-7:30 pm Fri. & Sat. 9 am-4 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Adjacent to Tin Horn Hank's Rodeo Museum and Gift Shop. Unique decor featuring rodeo memorabilia. Owner, Tin Horn Hank Keenan, always present and happy to talk with visitors. Specialties — Cowboy hamburgers, chili, bear hunter's bread and eggs.
Ulm **59485**	Village Inn Frontage Road P.O. Box 248 406-866-3241	SD	D	150	y		All Year 4 pm-10 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located just off I-15.
Victor **59875**	Cantina LaCocina Hwy. 93 South P.O. Box 152 406-642-3192	SD	L D	45	n		All Year 11 am-9 pm	BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Mexican. Some American food. Famous margaritas!
	Martin's Inn 1 Main Street & Hwy. 93 P.O. Box 69 406-642-3412	SD	L D	90	y	VI MC	All Year 11:30 am-9 pm		y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Full menu includes steaks, seafood, daily lunch specials. Located in old Victor train depot.
Virginia City **59755**	Morning Sun Restaurant 118 West Wallace Street P.O. Box 62 406-843-9998	SD BU	B L D	130	y		May-Nov. Jan.1-April 16 8 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	n	Newly remodeled building dating back to 1864. Three old back bars in front room. Back room was a speakeasy during prohibition.
	Wells Fargo Coffee House 328 West Wallace P.O. Box 338 406-843-5377	SD BU CS	B L D	120	y	VI MC	June 1-Sept. 13 8 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	n	n	Located in the heart of 1860s' preserved mining town. Stroll the boardwalks past the historic buildings. Buffet meals available for tours.
West Glacier **59936**	Glacier Highland Restaurant Highway 2 East P.O. Box 397 406-888-5427	SD	B L D	78	y	VI MC	All Year 6:30 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer and wine served. Located across from Amtrak station at Glacier National Park's west entrance. Whitewater rafting, red touring buses, cross-country ski trails nearby.
	Glacier View Golf Club Box 185 406-888-9917	SD FF BU CS	B L D	65	n	VI MC	May 20-Oct. 10 7 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Limited menu for breakfast. Nightly specials. View of Glacier National Park and wildlife.
West Yellowstone **59758**	Kentucky Fried Chicken 120 Firehole Avenue P.O. Box 396 406-646-9011	FF	L D	30	n		Mid-Dec.-March May 1-Oct. 10 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Call anytime for take-out orders. 10% discount for orders over $100.
	Coachman Restaurant 209 Madison Avenue P.O. Box 160 406-646-7381 800-255-3050	SD BU CS	B L D	110	y	AE CB VI DC MC	Mid-Dec. -Mid-March Mid-May-Mid-Oct. 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Located in the Stage Coach Inn.
	Rustler's Roost 234 Firehole Avenue P.O. Box 369 406-646-7622 800-992-5316 (in MT) 800-221-1151 (except MT)	SD	B D	123	y	AE CB VI DC MC	May 15-Oct. 15 Dec. 15-March 30 7 am-11 am 5 pm-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Located upstairs of Big Western Pine Motel. Member ABA, NTA.
	Strozzi's Dude Dining Room 14 Madison Avenue P.O. Box 687 406-646-7573	SD	D	85	n	VI MC	Mid-May-Oct. 15 Dec. 15-Mar. 15 5 pm-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Specialty — prime rib. 4-course dinner for $6.95. Advance notice requested.
	The Ranch 235 Canyon Street P.O. Box 487 406-646-7388	SD CS	B L D	160	y	AE CB VI DC MC	Summer and Winter seasons 7 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Panoramic view of town. Senior citizens menu. Motel on premises.

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	Three Bear Restaurant 217 Yellowstone Avenue P.O. Box 519 406-646-7351 800-992-5316 (in MT) 800-221-1151 (except MT)	SD	B D	120	y	AE CB VI DC MC	May 15-Oct. 15 Dec. 15-March 15 7 am-11 am 5 pm-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Adjacent to Three Bear Lodge. Decor features historic Yellowstone photos and memorabilia. Newly remodeled. Member NTA, ABA.
Whitefish **59937**	Alpinglow Inn Big Mountain Ski Resort P.O. Box 1770 406-862-6966	SD	B L D	75	y	AE VI MC	Summer and Winter seasons	TE	y	n	y	Beer and wine served. Chairlift ride available in summer. Glass-enclosed dining room overlooks the Flathead Valley.
	Cafe Kandahar Big Mountain Road P.O. Box 1659 406-862-6098	SD BU	B L D	49	y	AE VI MC	All Year	TE BD	y	n	y	Located in the Kandahar Lodge. Cozy European atmosphere in a beautiful lodge on the Big Mountain. Will accommodate all group requests.
	Diamond K Chuckwagon 5121 Hwy. 93 South 406-862-4242	SD BU	D	500	n		May 15-Sept. 2 6:45 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	BBQ beef chuckwagon meal with original western music and comedy show.
	McDonald's 6495 Hwy. 93 South 406-862-6650	FF	B L D	65	n		All Year 6:30 am-11 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located adjacent to Mountain Mall Shopping Center.
	Logan's Bar & Grill 1205 Highway 93 West 406-862-3000 800-621-1802 (in MT) 800-321-8822 (except MT)	SD	B L D	96	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 7 am-9 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Located in Grouse Mountain Lodge—an elegant facility adjacent to Whitefish Lake Golf Course. Decor features etched glass, taxidermy, natural colors and textures. Keno, poker in lounge. Service and quality emphasized.
	Pizza Hut Highway 93 South 406-862-7326	SD	L D	80	n		All Year 11 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Pizza, pasta, sandwiches, salad.
	"The Place" Saloon & Eatery 845 Wisconsin Avenue P.O. Box 756 406-862-4500	SD	L D	100	n	VI MC	All Year 11:30 am-12 am	TE BD	y	n	y	Beer and wine served. Interesting decor. Located on the road to The Big Mountain. Varied menu includes steaks, pizza, soup, sandwiches. Specialty — hickory-smoked ham, turkey, ribs, chicken. Smokehouse on premises.
White Sulphur Springs **59645**	Cow Palace Supper Club Highways 12 & 89 P.O. Box 668 406-547-3936 or 547-9994	SD BU	L D	90	y	VI MC	Jan.-Nov. 5 pm-10 pm Closed Monday	TE BD	y	n	y	Lounge on premises. Steaks, seafood, chicken, sandwiches, salad bar, choice Montana beef. Will open anytime for groups.
	Truck Stop Cafe 511 East Main Street P.O. Box 310 406-547-3886	SD	B L D	80	y		May-Nov. 24 hours Dec.-April 6 am-10 pm		y	n	y	Daily specials. Homemade soups.
Wibaux **59353**	Shamrock Cafe 101 S. Wibaux P.O. Box 232 406-795-8250	SD	B L D	50	n		All Year 8 am-10 pm		y	n	y	Located in front of the restored Pierre Wibaux home and Centennial Car Museum.
Willow Creek **59760**	Bluebell Inn First and Main Street P.O. Box 156 406-285-3162	SD	B L D	100	y		All Year 10 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Lounge on premises. Ethnic — Mexican (Thurs. & Fri.) Restored restaurant and dance hall—vintage 1900-1916. Another dance hall and bar have been added. Live music on occasion.
Wolf Point **59201**	Burger Kitchen 400 Highway 2 406-653-1031	SD FF	L D	76	n		All Year 10:30 am-8 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	Located at intersection of Highway 2 and 13. Weekly soup and sandwich specials. Daily lunch specials.
	Sherman Motor Inn 200 East Main Street P.O. Box 879 406-653-1100 800-952-1100 (in MT)	SD	B L D	150	y	AE CB VI DC MC	All Year 6 am-10 pm	TE BD	y	y	y	

Legend:

BU — Buffet/Smorgasbord
CS — Coffee Shop
FF — Fast Food
SD — Sit Down Dining

B — Breakfast
L — Lunch
D — Dinner
AE — American Express

CB — Carte Blanche
DC — Diners Club
MC — MasterCard
VI — Visa

y — yes
n — no
TE — Tour Escort
BD — Bus Driver

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MONTANA: AN INTRODUCTION

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Montana is a vast and a varied state. Its Big Sky covers a land area of more than 93 million acres, making Montana the fourth largest state in the nation. In area, it can accommodate Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York, and still have room for the District of Columbia. Yet, Montana's population is just over 800,000, making it the sixth least populated state. There are fewer people living in the entire state of Montana than there are in the city of Phoenix, and about half as many as there are in Houston. In Montana, there is room to breathe. And nowhere is the air fresher.

Bordered on the north by the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, Montana is an important link between western Canada and the western United States. Montanans and Canadians are good friends and neighbors. Traffic moves freely over the border that separates them. Montana and Alberta share an international park called Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The Montana portion is Glacier National Park, revered by many as the "Crown of the Continent." Idaho borders on the west edge of Montana and the Dakotas on the east. Directly south is Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park, the oldest and largest of America's national parks. Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone are in Montana.

The Rocky Mountains cut magnificently through western Montana, defining the shape and character of the state and, incidentally, giving Montana its name. Montana means "mountains" or "mountainous" in both Spanish and Latin. The Rockies, rooted far to the south where they loom more often as individual peaks and ranges, are going strong by the time they trumpet through Montana to fling themselves north to Canada. Montana's vast landscape lets you see hundreds of miles of them at once in one triumphant thrust of mountains.

These mountains and their timbered, snow-fed valleys comprise the western third of the state. The area west of the Continental Divide is a kindred spirit of the Pacific Northwest, resembling it in both climate and terrain. Plenty of moisture and a moderating climate makes this the garden spot of the state. Here, tall stands of fir, pine, spruce and larch are managed and harvested to produce wood products used across the nation.

Further east, the ranges that comprise the Rockies give way to the isolated ranges of central Montana and, eventually, to the rolling plains and badlands of eastern Montana. The climate is much drier on this side of the Divide. The dominant economic forces are grain, livestock, coal, oil and natural gas.

Currently, Montana's leading industry is manufacturing, with forest products accounting for a large share of that income. Mining and energy development are a close second, as the race to develop the nation's energy resources continues to gain momentum. Agriculture and tourism are the state's other leading industries.

Generally, Montana's climate is milder than perceived because of its location in the interior of the continent. Average annual rainfall is 15 inches, varying from 9.69 to more than 100 inches. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees Fahrenheit in January to 84.5 degrees in July.

Montana is a headwaters state for two major river systems — the Columbia and the Missouri. It's the Continental Divide that determines whether Montana's water will find its way to the Pacific, via the Columbia River system, or to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Missouri. There's a one-of-a-kind landmark in Glacier Park called Triple Divide Peak that splits its snowmelt three ways, as its name implies. Besides sending water east and west, Triple Divide steers a portion of its annual runoff north to the Hudson Bay and Arctic Ocean.

Not all of the 29.6 million acre-feet of water produced annually in Montana finds its way to the sea. Montana's diverse water resources — more than 9,000 rivers, streams, spring creeks, lakes and reservoirs — supports 81 species of fish. These waters sustain a recreational fishery worth millions of dollars, provide habitat for a number of bird and mammal species, supply water for agriculture, municipalities and industry, support a limited commercial fishery, generate hydroelectric power and attract thousands of visitors to the state each year.

DRAMATIC UPS AND DOWNS

Equally inviting is Montana's varied landscape. Mountains, canyons, river valleys, forests, plains, badlands and caverns. Lush forests are drenched annually with up to 100 inches of rainfall; parched badlands might receive 9 inches in a good year. Dramatic ups and downs range from 1,820 feet on the Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana to 12,799 feet at the top of Granite Peak in Montana's magnificent Beartooth Range in the southcentral part of the state.

The diversity of the Montana landscape was first recorded by Lewis and Clark, commissioned in 1803 by President Thomas Jefferson to explore the Louisiana Purchase and find a northwest passage to the Pacific. This intrepid band, who completed the most famous expedition in U.S. history, followed the Missouri across what would be named Montana, noting the breadth and scope of the land and naming landmarks that still catch the eye: the Great Falls of the Missouri, the Gates of the Mountains, Three Forks, Pompeys Pillar. These place names stand out in the Lewis and Clark journals as significant landmarks along the famous route, and visitors today can still stand where Lewis and Clark once stood on land that has changed little since it was first mapped, nearly 180 years ago.

Montana land was Indian land for 10,000 years before it felt the footfall of a white man. It belonged to the Blackfeet, the Cheyenne, the Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, Flathead and Absarokas. Montana is still Indian land, with seven vast reservations covering millions of acres throughout the state. The most famous confrontation between white man and red man comes to life at the Custer Battlefield National Monument on the Crow Indian Reservation in southeastern Montana. It was here in 1876 that a Civil War general named George Armstrong Custer and his troops lost their lives to an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors.

Montana is a resource-rich state that has rewarded many fortune seekers. Furs, gold, silver, copper, timber, cattle, oil and coal, all have had their heyday in Montana and some ae still booming. The people who responded to the lure of riches and settled this untamed land came in eager droves from Scandinavia, Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, France, Italy, Spain, Ireland, England and a score of other countries. Their history can be traced in the ethnic strongholds of Butte, Anaconda, Red Lodge and the "Hi-Line" communities of Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey and Plentywood.

Montana achieved statehood on November 8, 1889—less than 100 years ago. Its history is a young, accessible, "hands-on" history. Visitors can soak up Montana's version of the Old West on the boardwalk of Virginia City, at the gravesite of General Custer, on Helena's Last Chance Gulch or at any number of annual festivals and celebrations bearing names like the Wild Horse Stampede, the Northeast Montana Threshing Bee and Antique Show, the Vigilante Parade, the Western Rendezvous of Art and the Festival of Nations.

These places and events can be reached by a transportation network that includes 14,200 miles of modern, paved highways, north-south and east-west interstate systems, 15 airports with commercial air service, non-stop flights from Minneapolis, Denver, Chicago, Salt Lake City and Spokane to Montana's larger cities and daily AMTRAK service along Montana's northern east-west route called the "Hi-Line" which parallels U.S. 2.

Following are some of the things Montana is famous for and some for which the state is notorious.

MONTANA HISTORY 101

Montana's history — its human story — is relatively young. The story of the settlement of Montana begins about 10,000 years ago, when the first small bands of wandering hunters appeared along the eastern flanks of the Rockies. But long before the first person set foot in what is now Montana, this land was undergoing turbulent geologic change. The earth heaved and moaned. Ancient seas and lakes rose and fell.

The mountains of western Montana were formed about 60 million years ago by massive shifts of the earth and the upward surge of liquid rock and lava. One great mass of sedimentary rock slid as a single slab to form what is now Glacier National Park. A few of the mountain ranges are the result of volcanic activity. One of the major centers of volcanic activity was the Yellowstone Park area, where a series of violent eruptions built up the Yellowstone Plateau. Great swamps formed east of these mountains, as the seas retreated eastward, and were later buried to become thick beds of coal and oil fields. The geologic activity deep within the earth that created Montana's geographically split personality still goes on today. Volcanoes have been active in the region during most of the past 100 million years, and frequent earthquakes show that some of the mountains and valleys are still moving.

Prehistoric fossils have been preserved and are on display in many areas of eastern Montana, including Fort Peck Dam, Jordan and Ekalaka. Some of the finest fossil skeletons unearthed have been dug from these prairie soils. Triceratops, Trachodon, Tyrannosaurus rex, dinosaur eggs, petrified turtles and fossilized leaves and fish are just some of the specimens on display.

It is generally agreed that the first inhabitants of this area migrated over a land bridge across the Bering Strait that connected Asian Siberia with Alaska. These Asiatic hunters followed large herds of big game animals across the continent.

About 4,000 to 5,000 years ago, the climate changed dramatically, the Northern Great Plains became hot and dry, the grasslands dried up and the plentiful herds of big game animals disappeared. Hunters turned to antelope and rabbits and augmented their catch with berries and roots.

As the climate grew wetter, about 1,000 to 2,000 years ago, bison herds returned to the Plains. About the same time, the bow and arrow appeared in North America. Besides hunting bison singly with this new

weapon, the hunters developed another technique called a buffalo drive or a buffalo jump, in which an entire herd was stampeded over a cliff.

Two accessible sites where Indian buffalo jumps can be seen are Ulm Pishkun, off I-15, southwest of Great Falls, and the Madison Buffalo Jump, off I-90, between Bozeman and Three Forks.

The bison herds provided an abundance of meat and attracted more and more bands into Montana. Indians from both west and east came to the Plains to begin a life that was dependent on the buffalo. Prior to 1800, according to one historian, "Montana was the eye of a cultural hurricane, where Indians migrating from all directions, bringing horses and guns with them, met to create new and unusual societies."

Within less than 100 years, these societies disappeared along with the buffalo. White railroad builders, hide hunters and sport hunters killed the buffalo in numbers than can only be described as slaughter. It is estimated that perhaps 13 million buffalo roamed the West before the hunt of the 1870s and '80s began. By 1883 there were fewer than 200 of the great animals in the entire West. Large numbers of Indians, in turn, died from malnutrition and starvation. Those who survived were confined to the seven Montana reservations that are now home to Assiniboine and Sioux, Blackfeet, Chippewa-Cree, Confederated Salish and Kootenai, Crow, Assiniboine and Gros Ventre and Northern Cheyenne.

THE LEWIS AND CLARK EXPEDITION

Montana's first recorded history is preserved elegantly in the journals of Lewis and Clark. The journey of these two explorers, who led President Thomas Jefferson's "Corps of Discovery" through Montana in 1805-06, has emerged through time as the greatest expedition in U.S. history. The route they followed was the Missouri River, from St. Louis where it converges with the Mississippi, to its source in what is now Montana and what was then a vast, newly acquired tract called the Louisiana Purchase. From there, the two Army officers were commissioned by the President to discover a water passage to the Pacific — the long-imagined "Northwest Passage." That meant crossing the Continental Divide and following the Columbia River to the coast. Along the way, they were to explore, botanize, collect animal specimens, discover what they could of the Indian tribes along their route, map the route, and keep a record of their journey.

The expedition entered Montana April 26, 1805, at the mouth of the Yellowstone River (at the present Montana-North Dakota border) and traveled west along the Missouri. They portaged around the "Great Falls of the Missouri," just below the present city of Great Falls, continued following the Missouri to its headwaters near Bozeman, then undertook what must have been the most challenging and discouraging aspect of the journey — the search for a passage over the mountain ranges that comprise the Continental Divide. After leaving Montana and completing their journey to the coast, Lewis and Clark re-entered Montana in 1806, divided the party and explored both the Marias River country in northern Montana and the Yellowstone River valley in southcentral Montana on their way east.

Most of this historic trek can be followed today by modern highway. Eleven states, including Montana, have marked the entire route, from the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers to the Pacific Coast. In Montana, the Missouri River headwaters, the landmark that determined the course Lewis and Clark would follow over the Continental Divide, has been preserved in interpretive detail at the Missouri Headwaters State Park, off I-90, near Three Forks. Before they reached the headwaters, Lewis and Clark passed through the Missouri River canyon, north of Helena, and named the steep cliffs the Gates of the Rocky Mountains, now known as the Gates of the Mountains. The "Gates" are easily reached off I-15, north of Helena, and can be viewed daily during the summer months on regular, two-hour, scenic cruises. Perhaps the earliest graffiti was left by Captain Clark at what he named Pompeys Pillar, a distinctive rock formation along the Yellowstone River east of Billings. Clark climbed the rock and carved his name and the date — July 25, 1806. He named the formation after Pomp, the infant son of the expedition's Indian scout, Sacajawea. The landmark is 28 miles east of Billings, off I-94.

The journey undertaken by these two skilled pathfinders literally unlocked the West. In their footsteps came mountain men, fur traders, gold prospectors, land and cattle barons, cowboys, copper kings and countless other dreamers and fortune seekers.

The western fur trade produced the first generation of American heroes whose exploits live on in western folklore. Mountain men like Jedediah Smith, Kit Carson, John Colter and Jim Bridger earned larger-than-life reputations and a permanent place in American history. Their exploits, usually exaggerated in the retelling, captured the nation's imagination. There were encounters with grizzly bears, "savages" and perilous journeys through mountains, across deserts and other formidable territory. One of the best stories comes down to us from John Colter's winter odyssey through what is now the Jackson Hole-Grand Tetons-Yellowstone Park area. His description of the hot pots and geysers that gained national park status for Yellowstone earned him the reputation of a liar.

Beaver pelts were big business in the early 1800s but faded toward the middle of the century, partially because trappers over-harvested the west's fur-bearing animals and partially because silk garments replaced furs in popularity.

When the boom in pelts died, the gold rush began. At Grasshopper Creek in 1862, the find was so rich it was said the miners could pull up sagebrush and shake a dollar's worth of dust from the roots.

A brawling frontier town and Montana's first territorial capital — Bannack — sprang up around this rich gold strike. Its ghostly remains can still be seen at Bannack State Park, south of Dillon off Montana Highway 41. For a little livelier look into Montana's gold rush days, visit the restored mining camps of Virginia City and Nevada City, east of Dillon on Montana Highway 287. The spirit of the Old West still lives in the Opera House, the Bale of Hay Saloon, the Nevada City Music Hall, the restaurants, shops and overnight accommodations.

TOWNS GREW ON GOLD

Towns of the gold rush era grew on gold. Within six years, the town of Confederate Gulch jumped from a population of zero to 10,000. By the seventh year, the gold was gone and the population dropped to 64.

Boom and bust. The cycle has been repeated over and over again in Montana's history. After gold came silver and copper. Rich copper deposits in Butte lured some of the world's greatest capitalists to Montana in the 1860s and '70s. With names like Hearst, Rockefeller and Standard Oil backing them, three men — William Andrews Clark, Marcus Daly and F. Augustus Heinze — went to war to see who would rule Butte, which by 1885 had become the greatest mining camp in the West. The "War of the Copper Kings" went beyond Butte. Control of Butte meant control of Montana's economy and political system and both were abused in the battle for power. It was a rollicking and rough period of Montana's history and it had a pervasive impact on the state. Butte is still regarded as "the richest hill on earth" and the trappings of its heyday have been preserved at attractions like the Clark Mansion, the World Museum of Mining, the Butte Historic District and the Berkeley Open Pit Copper Mine.

While bonanza seekers were duking it out for precious metals fortunes in the western portion of the state, cattle and sheep were driven in waves to the open ranges and rich grasses of central and eastern Montana. In 10 years, the cattle population rose from a few thousand to more than a million. Overcrowding and the cruel winter of 1886-87 killed most of them, and another Montana boom went bust. The era of the stockman is on display year-round at the 216-acre Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge. This pioneer ranch was one of the first in the Northwest. Owned by Johnny Grant in the 1850s and later by Conrad Kohrs, it produced meat for the mining camps and was the early social center of the community. The home ranch, still intact, was eventually headquarters for more than a million acres.

In 1881, only 75 years after Lewis and Clark made the first organized expedition through this area on foot, Montana Territory was linked with the rest of the nation by rail. The first line through Montana, the Northern Pacific, reached from Lake Superior to the Pacific Coast. Within a few years, Jim Hill brought the Great Northern through. A hundred thousand immigrants used sledge hammers to pound down the parallel steel ribbons. The Great Northern advertised free government land in a region of "milk and honey" to lure settlers to its lines.

By the late 1880s, the people who settled Montana Territory were ready for statehood. The arrival of rails combined with the booming mining and livestock industries had kited Montana's population from 38,000 in 1880 to 132,000 in 1890. On October 1, 1889, the voters of Montana approved a state constitution, and on November 8, Montana was proclaimed the 41st state of the Union.

The combination of the rails and a worldwide industrial revolution brought the next great wave — the "sodbusters invasion" — to Montana after the turn of the century. Montana's homesteaders, a mix of Americans and western Europeans, built what remains the state's leading industry to this day. They broke millions of acres of fertile grassland and transformed the Northern Great Plains into a rich grainbelt.

Montana is booming again, this time with coal, oil and gas production. These are the rich fossil fuels that once appeared as prehistoric swamps. Millions of years have transformed these swamps into thick beds of coal and rich deposits of oil and gas. As the nation strives to become energy independent, Montana faces a bright future — the result, once again, of abundant natural resources.

The people who came to Montana to exploit these resources, to make their fortunes, to take a gamble, are the people who breathed life into the story of Montana. And they aren't so far removed. As a state, Montana has not yet celebrated its centennial. Not even 200 years have lapsed since Montana was first mapped by Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. Montana's history is young and accessible. It won't be found on dry parchment under glass in a musty, dark museum. Rather, it can still be seen during the annual roundup at the National Bison Range, the Crow Indian Fair, the two-story outhouse at Nevada City, the Charles M. Russell Art Auction, the Custer Battlefield, a western melodrama staged by the Virginia City Players, any one of the rodeos that occur every weekend during the summer months or on any main street in Montana.

THE SEASONS OF MONTANA

An optimist once said there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. In Montana, we have them all...snowy, white winters; cool, wet springs; warm, dry summers; and magnificent lingering autumns. No matter which season you choose, Montana is at its peak.

If you're a skier, you won't find better conditions anywhere. Montana's dry, western climate combined with its brisk winter temperatures and high elevations, make unbeatable powder snow. In the spring, all that snow rushes down the mountains to feed the valleys below. The result is a dazzling splash of color painted in field after field of wildflowers that extend well beyond spring at the higher elevations. In the summer, life slows down a bit as Montanans relax and enjoy long, sunny days with warm, dry temperatures. Autumn is a favorite because the days are warm, the nights are cool and the air is unbelievably fresh.

The hallmark of Montana's weather system is its changeability. It is not uncommon to experience a 60-degree spread from one day to the next. Because of its

location in a chinook belt, central Montana's weather is the most changeable, on the average, of any area in the nation.

A chinook is a warm, dry, southwesterly wind that occurs on the downwind slope of any major mountain range. Mountain ranges don't get much more major than the Continental Divide, so chinooks in the northern Rockies are major weather events. Montana's chinook belt extends about 150 miles from the east slopes of the Rockies, making central Montana a highly changeable boundary layer between cold and warm air. When a good strong chinook replaces retreating arctic air, temperatures rise dramatically. Once, during a chinook, the temperature in Havre (in north central Montana) rose 26 degrees in 45 seconds. Montana is also on record as having the greatest temperature spread. The difference between our lowest recorded temperature—minus 70 degrees—and our highest—117 degrees—is 187 degrees.

MONTANA IS MILDER THAN PERCEIVED

Generally, Montana is milder than perceived because of its location in the interior of the continent. After hearing about record low temperatures from some of our more notorious recording stations, like West Yellowstone and Cut Bank, some nonresidents think of Montana as an icebox. Unlike many areas of the nation, however, where winter settles in for keeps, Montana's cold spells are frequently interrupted by chinook winds and mild periods.

The beauty of Montana's weather system is that whether it is hot or cold, Montana is dry and, therefore, neither oppressively hot nor oppressively cold. Average annual rainfall is 15 inches, varying from 9.69 to more than 100 inches. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 degrees in July.

Generally, here is what you can expect of Montana's weather on a season-by-season basis:

WINTER (December through early March) Cold spells do occur in December but usually don't last long because they are replaced by warm, chinook winds. In January and February, storms become more vigorous. Winter gets down to business. While it can turn cold and stay cold, the usual pattern alternates between cold and mild spells. Cold weather is more frequent over the eastern third of the state, while milder weather prevails to the west because of chinook winds. Winter in this northern climate lends itself to ideal skiing conditions because the dry powder that blankets the Rockies is generally not subject to freezing and thawing. And, while cold is not uncommon in the mountain valleys, ski slopes can extend into the mild air above, making Montana a skier's paradise.

SPRING (late March through June) This is Montana's breezy, rainy season. Montana can still get snow in March and April but by this time, the sun is getting far enough north that our days are becoming warm. In May and June, the winds die down, the rain picks up, the sun is benign and the earth comes back to life. Buds appear, birds return to their summer home and wildflowers transform the winter landscape into a burst of color. Spring in Montana is an artist gone berserk.

SUMMER (late June through August) Summer is generally hot over the plains and mild in the mountainous west. Late afternoon thunderstorms are typical over the entire state. In the higher elevations, hikers and backpackers enjoy mild days and cool nights. This is the best time of year for a family vacation in Montana. Schools are closed. Roads are dry and clear. The days are long and warm. And Montana's many attractions are waiting. Many communities stage festivals, shows, rodeos, parades and exhibits to celebrate our western culture at this time of the year. And Montana's famed rivers are running clear and beautiful.

AUTUMN (September through November) Montana frequently gets its first cool, wet hint of winter around Labor Day, but Montanans know it won't last. What follows is perhaps Montana's most enchanting season—a period of unseasonably warm weather that frequently extends into late November. It's Indian Summer, characterized by warm days, cool nights, fresh, crisp air and brilliant colors. Time to be outdoors. Time to hunt and fish. Time to wax skis, sharpen edges, chop wood and prepare for the next glorious cycle.

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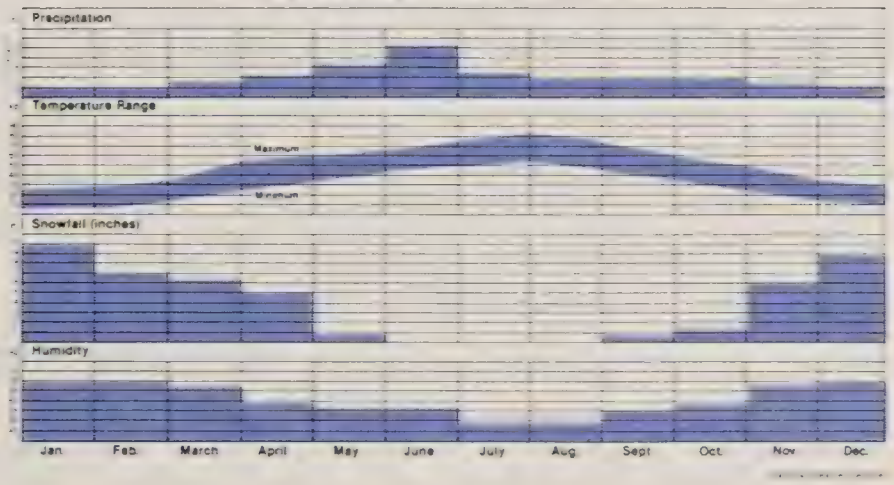


WHAT TO WEAR

Because Montana's weather is so changeable, you should bring a variety of clothing to be comfortable. Montana is seldom consistently hot or consistently cold. Every season holds some surprises. Montanans like to dress in layers so they can peel clothes off until they are comfortable. It's a lot easier to subtract clothing than it is to add.

In the summer, shorts or light-weight slacks, sun dresses and short-sleeve shirts are the rule. If you plan to spend much time outdoors, it's always wise to bring a light jacket. In the fall and again in the spring, wardrobes run from shorts and tops to wool pants and flannel shirts. The weather is variable so the Boy Scout rule applies here: Be prepared.

The only way to beat wool in the winter is with layers of wool. You will find the best-dressed Montanans wearing wool socks, pants, shirts, jackets, mittens and caps. Lighter-weight clothing is never out of reach, however, because mild periods are expected.

INDUSTRY

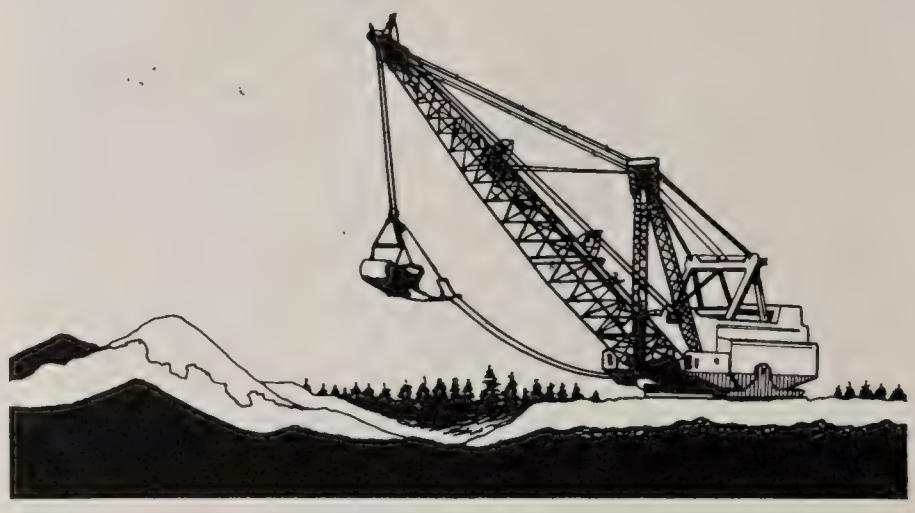
Mountains and timbered valleys, fertile plains and breathtaking landscapes make Montana more than a pretty place. These abundant natural resources have fueled the state's economy since it was first settled. Starting with furs in the early 1800s, Montana's economy has boomed periodically with gold, silver, copper and, more recently, coal, oil and gas. Today, Montana's "big four" industries are manufacturing, mining, agriculture and tourism.

The majority of manufacturers in Montana are engaged in processing the state's raw materials. The state's forest products industry accounts for 48 percent of the wages and salaries related to manufacturing, with agricultural products comprising an additional 12 percent. In recent years, firms manufacturing high technology products have played an increasingly important role in the state's economy. These companies have found Montana a good place to grow.

As domestic energy development becomes an increasingly important national goal, minerals production is fast approaching manufacturing as Montana's major income producer. In 1984, mining contributed $1.8 billion to the state, with fuel minerals — oil, coal and natural gas — accounting for 91 percent of the total. Montana is an oil-rich state with an important future. Current estimated reserves are more than 200 million barrels, with 30 million barrels produced during 1984. Widespread exploration is expected to uncover additional reserves.

Coal represents 82 percent of America's fossil fuel reserves, and Montana ranks first in coal resources and reserves. The Powder River Basin in Montana and Wyoming contains an estimated 70 percent of the nation's recoverable coal, and Montana alone has more than 75 billion tons of low-sulphur reserves within her borders. Even though coal accounted for nearly a quarter of Montana's minerals income in 1984, at present mining levels, these reserves will last more than 2,000 years.

Mining in Montana began with the discovery of gold in the 1850s. Later, copper mining became a strong foundation for the state's economy. Montana is regarded as having one of the nation's highest potentials for metals mining with substantial known deposits of silver, copper, gold, zinc, lead iron, tungsten and molybdenum.



Agriculture is big business in Montana. The average farm or ranch is about 2,600 acres, often devoted to the production of a single crop. In 1984, agriculture contributed $1.3 billion to the state's economy, making it Montana's third largest income producer. Cattle and wheat accounted for about three-quarters of the total. Montana is a national leader in the production of several agricultural products — wheat, barley, sugar beets, dry beans and oats. Other products grown in the state include alfalfa, potatoes for both seed and consumption, safflower, sunflower and mustard.

Tourism, Montana's other major industry, is the state's second-largest employer and fourth-largest income producer. This clean, renewable industry added about $400 million to the state's economy in 1984. More than two million visitors are drawn annually to Glacier and Yellowstone national parks, Flathead Lake, the Custer Battlefield, Virginia City, the Lewis and Clark Trail and other attractions. Many of these visitors come back again and again to enjoy the pristine beauty, historic significance, recreational opportunities and western flavor of the Big Sky Country.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND

Montana's Custer Battlefield National Monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25 and 26, 1876, more than 260 U.S. Army soldiers and attached personnel met defeat and death at the hands of several thousand Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Among the dead were Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and every member of his immediate command.

Although the Indians won this battle, they lost the war against the white man's efforts to end their independent, plains culture.

The move west began when the Civil War ended. An almost certain result was encroachment on the Indian domain. Settlers showed little regard for the sanctity of Indian hunting grounds or the terms of former treaties. The Indians resisted. In 1868, at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, representatives of the Sioux, Cheyenne and other tribes of the Great Plains, signed a treaty with the U.S. Government by which a large area in western Dakota and part of eastern Wyoming was designated a permanent Indian reservation. The government promised to protect the Indians "against the commission of all depredations by people in the United States."

GOLD WAS DISCOVERED

Just six years later, in 1874, gold was discovered in the Black Hills, the heart of the new Indian reservation. News of the strike spread quickly, and soon thousands of fortune seekers moved in on the region in violation of the Fort Laramie treaty. The Army tried to keep them out but to no avail. The peace agreement in 1868 was dishonored when the Sioux and Cheyenne, in growing defiance, began to leave the reservation. In

December 1875, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs ordered them to return before January 31, 1876, or therafter be regarded as hostiles to be "treated accordingly by the military force." When the Indians did not comply, the Army was called in to enforce the order.

The Army's campaign against the Sioux and Cheyenne called for three separate expeditions — Gen. George Crook's force from Fort Fetterman in Wyoming, Col. John Gibbon's command from Fort Ellis in Montana and Gen. Alfred H. Terry's troops from Fort Abraham Lincoln in Dakota Territory. These columns were to converge on the main body of the Indians concentrated in southeastern Montana under the leadership of Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and other war chiefs.

Crook clashed with the Indians in March and again in June. Afterwards, Indians moved west toward the Little Bighorn. In mid-June, Terry and Gibbon met at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Rosebud rivers. Hoping to find the Indians in the Little Bighorn Valley, Terry ordered Custer and the 7th Cavalry up the Rosebud to approach the Little Bighorn from the south. Terry himself would accompany Gibbon's force back up the Yellowstone and Bighorn to approach from the north.

The 7th Cavalry, numbering about 700 men, located the Indian camp on June 25. Custer, probably underestimating the fighting power of the Indian forces, believed it safe to divide his regiment into three battalions. By attacking immediately, he might have hoped to prevent the Indians from slipping away. One battalion of three companies under Captain Frederick Benteen was sent to scout the bluffs to the south. At the same time, a battalion of three companies under Major Marcus Reno and one of five companies under Custer marched along opposite banks of a small creek to attack the Indian village in the valley of the Little Bighorn.

When near the Little Bighorn, Custer turned north toward the lower end of the Indian camp. Reno, with orders from Custer to cross the river and attack, advanced down the Little Bighorn Valley and struck the upper end of the camp. Outflanked by the defending warriors, he retreated in disorder to the river and took up defensive positions on the bluffs beyond. Here he was soon joined by Benteen, who had hurried forward under written order from Custer to 'Come on; Big village, be quick, bring packs."

Gunfire from the north caused men to scout in that direction seeking the whereabouts of Custer and his command. An advance company under Captain Thomas Weir marched downstream to a high hill, from which the Custer battlefield was visible. By this time, however, the firing had stopped. When the rest of the command arrived on the hill, it was attacked by a large force of Indians, and Reno ordered a withdrawal to the original position on the bluffs overlooking the Little Bighorn. Here these seven companies entrenched and held their defenses throughout that day and most of the next, returning the Indian fire and successfully discouraging attempts to storm their position. The siege ended when all the Indians broke their great encampment and withdrew upon the approach of columns under Terry and Gibbon.

In the meantime, Custer had ridden into history and legend. Vivid accounts of the battle by Indians who participated in it tell how his command was surrounded and destroyed in fierce fighting. But Custer's intentions and precise movements after separating from Reno's battalion have never been documented.

In the battle, the 7th Cavalry lost the five companies that were under Custer, about 225 men. Of the other six companies in the regiment, under Reno and Benteen, 47 were killed and 52 wounded.

The Indian losses were no more than 100 men killed. They removed most of their dead from the battlefield when the large village broke up. The tribes and families scattered, some going south, some north. Most of them returned to the reservations and surrendered in the next few years.

100 YEARS HAVE PASSED

More than 100 years have passed, but the Custer battle continues to illustrate a part of what Americans have come to know as their western heritage. Heroism and tragedy, brashness and humiliation, victory and defeat — these are contradictions people still come to the battlefield to ponder.

The battlefield and cemetery have been managed by the National Park Service since 1940. Park rangers are on duty year-round to help visitors understand their tour of the battlefield. Highlights of the tour are Custer Hill, a common grave and memorial shaft bearing the names of all the soldiers who died in the battle; Reno-Benteen Battlefield; Weir Point, the hill Captain Weir climbed hoping to locate Custer; Battle Ridge, where three of the five companies under Custer fell; National Cemetery, a relatively small burial ground where soldiers killed in several Indian battles on the Northern Plains are buried along with servicemen of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam, and the Visitor Center, which houses many museum exhibits that further illustrate and explain the battle.

Custer Battlefield National Monument lies within the Crow Indian Reservation southeast of Billings. U.S. 212 connects the battlefield with the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

HOW TO WATCH A RODEO

Practically every weekend during the summer, a rodeo can be found somewhere in Montana.

This truly Western sport began as the result of activities performed by the working cowboy on his day-to-day job. Calf roping was done when a calf had to be caught for doctoring and branding and saddle bronc riding was performed when breaking a horse to ride.

It wasn't long before cowboys began gathering regularly to test their skills and prove who was the toughest cowboy and best rider. This contest usually took place after the annual roundup, and it was called a rodeo, the Spanish word for roundup.

In the 1880s admission was charged for the first time and the sport developed rapidly as professional entertainment. Cowboys began traveling from rodeo to rodeo, and soon formed their own association. Over the years rodeo has developed into a series of eight events. These include bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping,

the wild horse race and the girls' barrel racing. An arbitrary time limit of 8 seconds was set for all riding events, so as not to wear out the bucking stock too quickly.

An important part of the modern rodeo is the parade that precedes it. It generally features horse-drawn vehicles, equestrian units, floats, drill teams, clowns, bands and antique cars. The parade provides an opportunity for the whole community to participate in rodeo activities.

The rodeo itself opens with the "grand entry." Mounted drill teams and rodeo royalty enter the arena and display the "colors." Then, the announcer's voice booms across the loudspeaker, "Let's go, Let's show, Let's rodeo!" and the events begin.

SADDLE BRONC RIDING originated on the ranch when it was necessary for the cowboy to obtain transportation the hard way. Saddle broncs are not trained to buck, but do so instinctively. The leather flank strap is an added inducement to buck. It is not painful, just annoying. The rider uses a braided rope called a "buck rein" and standard Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) saddle. He uses a swinging leg motion called a "lick" to keep rhythm and one hand in the air to keep his balance. A good rider will look as if he's in a rocking chair. Back on the ranch, cowboys would ride the broncs until they broke the horse or were bucked off. Today, in the rodeo arena, they have to stay on for only 8 seconds. The bronc rider is judged on how well he rides and the animal on how well he bucks. Each can score up to 50 points with maximum for the ride being 100 points. Two men on horseback, called "pick-up men," are in the arena to help the cowboy dismount when the ride is over.

BAREBACK RIDING horses are generally smaller, shiftier and faster than those used for saddle broncs. No stirrups or reins are used in this event. The rider has only a stiff leather strap that goes around the horse's belly, called a "rigging." The handhold on the rigging provides the cowboy his only means of staying on. The rider must spur the horse the entire 8 seconds and is disqualified if he touches the horse with his free hand or misses the horse with his spurs on the first jump. Again, a cowboy can receive a maximum of 100 points for his ride.

CALF ROPING is a timed event and depends on harmony between the cowboy and his horse. The calf is given a 10-foot lead in this race. The cowboy must not break his rope barrier prematurely when coming out of the "box" or he will be penalized. It is the horse's job to position the cowboy near the speeding calf and enable the roper to bring him to a halt. Once the cowboy dismounts, the horse must work the rope to keep it taut while the cowboy downs the calf and ties three legs together.

STEER WRESTLING is sometimes called "bull dogging." This event requires two people, a "dogger" and a "hazer." Doggers are among the most physical athletes in a very physical sport. While the hazer keeps the steer running in a straight line down the arena, the dogger must leap from a horse sprinting up to 25 miles per hour onto a 700-pound Mexican steer, grab it by the horns, stop it and wrestle it to the ground. This is a timed event, and the cowboy who can perform this task in the shortest amount of time wins.

BULL RIDING is the ultimate contest between man and beast. A bull rider averaging 5'8" and 150 pounds is pitted against a 1,500-pound bull. PRCA rules require a one-handed ride with a loose rope. This flat, braided rope is placed around the bull's belly and then wrapped around the rider's hand so that it will fall off when the cowboy dismounts. The cowboy is not required to spur the bull during his 8-second ride, but spurring will add to his score. To a bull rider, rodeo clowns represent life itself. While they take time for fun and games, the clowns have one primary mission—to rescue cowboys. These "matadors" distract the bull once the cowboy is off, allowing him to escape any way he can.

BARREL RACING is an event that allows women to test their skills during the rodeo. In this event, women run highly-trained horses through a cloverleaf pattern at break-neck speeds. The main demand of the barrel racer is to recognize the conditions of the arena, then ride her horse in such a way that she can trim every hundredth of a second off her time. Barrel racing is a close, exacting, exciting contest and beautiful to watch. It takes a fast, agile horse and a skillful rider with exceptional horse sense.

THE WILD HORSE RACE is a thrilling event that is included in many Montana rodeos. Unlike the bucking stock used in the standard riding event, these horses are truly wild. A team of two "muggers" must hold the horse long enough to saddle him and allow a third man to mount and ride him. There are usually two lines at opposite ends of the arena which the rider must cross. The excitement of the other horses, muggers, riders and spectators adds to the fireworks.

The stock used in the rodeo plays an important role. A good bucking horse, or a mean bull add considerably to the excitement of the contest. On the average, rodeo stock works about one hour out of the entire year.

Today's rodeo cowboy is a professional athlete. He competes for personal pride. It's man against animal in the ultimate contest and skills such as strength, balance, timing and coordination are required.

Friendship runs deep among rodeo cowboys. Danger and luck draw them together. They know no financial security and seek none. Cowboys pay their own way, putting up to $200 to enter a single event. Some only compete part-time and others will enter more than 100 rodeos in a single year.

Rodeo contestants compete for a "purse," and the top money-winning cowboys attend the National Finals Rodeo each December to compete for world championship titles.

Montana is the home of such unique rodeos as the All Girls Rodeo in Jackson, the All Indian Rodeo in Wolf Point, the Old Timers Rodeo in Roundup (where contestants must be at least 40 to enter), the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman and the Wild Horse Stampede in Wolf Point — the granddaddy of 'em all.

THE LOVE OF WESTERN ART

"Coming to Camp at the Mouth of the Sun River" by C.M. Russell, Mackay Collection, courtesy Montana Historical Society

It's more than a passing fancy. More than a regional influence. Western art has taken the country by storm. It started booming in the '60s and kept right on growing through the '70s. The popularity and value of western art has appreciated phenomenally over the past 20 years. Popular western artists can't paint fast enough to keep up with the demand for paintings that regularly sell for $30,000 to $50,000. Remingtons that sold for under $500,000 four years ago bring more than a million dollars on today's market. Russell originals are expected to break the million-dollar mark any minute. A bronze by Montana sculptor Bob Scriver is now selling for five to six times its 1979 issue price. At annual appreciation rates like these, the value of western art has outpaced many other fields of art.

It's hard to predict where it will all end, but we can go back to where it began. The subject of western art cannot be debated fully without mention, in some detail, of the life and work of cowboy artist Charlie Russell. Born in St. Louis in 1864, Russell developed an obsession with the West early on. Wonderful stories of adventure and exploration found their way to St. Louis from the frontier, and in 1879, at the age of 15, Russell found his way out to Montana.

During his first winter here, Charlie lived with a trapper and learned all about the land and its animal and Indian inhabitants. Later, he worked as a night wrangler and cowboy. In 1888, he lived several months with the Blood Indians in Canada, storing Indian images and ideas that would nourish his work from that time on.

Russell was an eyewitness to the demise of the frontier, and its disappearance had a profound impact on him. In the words of one Montana historian: "It took Montana fewer than fifty years to make the transition from steamboats to airplanes. In this ephemeral process, Indians were forced to reservations, buffalo became virtually extinct, the open range cattle industry came and went, miners with gold pans were replaced by multi-million-dollar ventures, and towns and highways covered the landscape. The impacts of these events produced, in the sensitive C.M. Russell, a romanticism and nostalgia which allowed him to capture and express in his letters, drawings and paintings the essence of what Americans knew they had lost forever."

ROMANCE WITH THE PAST

Cowboys, Indians, buffalo and horses. These are the symbols of our ongoing romance with the past. And these are the symbols that give Russell's work and all western art its appeal. As first-hand observers of the discovery and settlement of the West, the early western artists captured a time and a place that reflected the nation's image of itself as free and limitless.

There are two museums in Montana where original works of Charlie Russell — his paintings, drawings, sculpture and letters — can be seen. In Great Falls, where Russell lived and worked, art and history lovers can enjoy both the C.M. Russell Museum and Russell's original log cabin studio, built in 1903. The home Russell shared with his wife, Nancy, is also open to the public. It is furnished with authentic pieces from the early 1900s and helps provide a total view of Charlie Russell's life and times. In the museum, the Trigg Collection forms the nucleus of the permanent Russell acquisitions. Donated by Miss Josephine Trigg, a friend and neighbor of the artist, the collection displays the diversity of Russell's work, including illustrated letters, oils, watercolors, sketches and bronzes. The collection features many well-known masterpieces, including the popular "Jerk Line" and "Buffalo Hunt." The museum also features original work by many of Russell's contemporaries, including O.C. Seltzer, J.H. Sharp, E.E. Heikka and I. Couse.

In Helena, the Montana Historical Society displays an extensive collection of Russell originals through its

Mackay Gallery of Russell Art. Included in the collection are dozens of oils, watercolors, bronzes, original sculpture models, pen and ink sketches, pencil sketches and illustrated letters, cards and poems. Some of the more well-known paintings on display here are "When the Land Belonged to God," "Laugh Kills Lonesome," "Toll Collectors," "Free Trader" and "Indian Hunters Return."

Other western artists whose work is featured here are Edgar Paxson, O. C. Seltzer, Maynard Dixon, William Standing and Frank Tenney Johnson.

For those who are ready to start collecting western art or would like to simply soak up the ambience of a western art show, Montana hosts several major shows and auctions each year. Every March, the Great Falls Advertising Federation stages a bigger and better C. M. Russell Art Auction for the benefit of the C. M. Russell Museum. About $3.5 million of original western art has been sold over the auction's 14-year history. The three-day show includes several auctions, seminars and receptions and features the work of the nation's finest living and deceased western artists.

In August, the action moves to Helena where a select group of artists — the Northwest Rendezvous Group — stages the three-day Western Rendezvous of Art. This exhibit and sale is rapidly gaining a reputation as the finest of its kind in the Pacific Northwest. Among the Rendezvous artists featured at this show are Joe Bohler, Paul Calle, Robert Bateman, Frank McCarthy, Verne Tossey and Montana's own Clark Bronson, Gary Carter, Arlene Hooker Fay, Jack Hines, Bob Morgan, Gary Schildt, Steve Seltzer, Tucker Smith, Jessica Zemsky, Joe Halko, Clyde Aspevig and Hank Lawshe.

A third major art show, the Kalispell Art Show and Auction, takes place every year in early August. Kalispell is headquarters for the many western and wildlife artists who live and work in the beautiful Flathead Valley in northwestern Montana. Some of the artists who have been attracted to this corner of the world are Bud Helbig, Fred Fellows, Bob Cavanaugh and Frank Hagel. Helbig and Fellows, along with Bob Scriver who lives and works further north, just outside Glacier National Park, are members of the prestigious Cowboy Artists of America. Each year the work of these and many other distinguished western artists is shown and sold at the three-day auction for the benefit of Kalispell's Hockaday Center for the Arts.

Even if you're not a collector, you will be caught up in the excitement of a real western art show. It's one thing to see a valuable work of art hanging on the wall of a metropolitan museum and quite another to view it in the setting that inspired its creation. This is where it all began.

THE NEZ PERCE JOURNEY TO SURRENDER

In the summer of 1877 a small group of Nez Perce Indians journeyed from eastern Oregon through Idaho Territory and into Montana Territory, stopping finally at the Bear Paw Mountains just south of Canada.

The traditional homeland of these peaceful, semi-nomadic Indians was the Wallowa Valley of northeastern Oregon. A strong and intelligent people, they had lived in peace and friendship with the whites ever since the coming of Lewis and Clark in 1805. It was their proud boast that no member of their tribe had ever killed a white man.

These people grazed horses, gathered edible roots and bulbs, fished and hunted buffalo east of the mountains. They were instrumental in developing the Appaloosa breed of horses.

In the mid-1800s, settlers, stockmen and gold miners began moving into their lands. Desiring peace, the Nez Perce agreed to a treaty in 1855 that confined them to a reservation. The reservation included much of their ancestral land and the treaty promised that non-Indians could live on the reservation only with the Indians' consent.

White settlers and miners forced a new treaty in 1863 that reduced the Nez Perce reservation to one-fourth its original size. Those Indians who lived outside the new boundaries refused to participate in the talks or to sign the treaty. They became known as the "non-treaty" Nez Perce.

These non-treaty Indians remained in their homeland for several more years, but the Wallowa Valley was very lush and fertile and settlers were anxious to possess it. So, in 1877, just one year after Custer's humilitating defeat at the Battle of the Little Bighorn, political pressure forced the Indian Bureau to order the various bands of Indians onto the smaller reservation. General O. O. Howard was ordered to support the local Indian agent.

In mid-May the Nez Perce were given an ultimatum to be on the reservation in 30 days. They rounded up their stock in record time and met within miles of the reservation for a last bit of freedom.

It was while they were camped here that three young warriors seeking revenge attacked a group of white settlers who earlier had cheated or killed older members of their families. They came back to camp, gathered more warriors and killed 14 or 15 more settlers in the next two days.

The Nez Perce thought they would surely be punished for this act so they began their flight to join the Crow Indians in Montana. They wished only to find a place where the Army would leave them alone and where they would be far enough from settlements to avoid further clashes.

Although these Indians hoped to escape from the Army peaceably, they were forced to stop and face

their pursuers nearly a dozen times—a journey now called the Nez Perce Indian War of 1877.

This group of Nez Perce consisted of about 800 people, including only 125 warriors. They were also traveling with about 2,000 horses and whatever possessions they could carry.

Chief Joseph had been the spokesman for the nontreaty Nez Perce in peacetime and it was assumed at the beginning by the whites that he was also leading them in war. Chief Joseph sat in on the councils but since he had never been a war chief, his advice carried less weight than that of Five Wounds, Rainbow and Looking Glass. Joseph took charge of the old men, women and children, an assignment of vital importance and sacred trust.

After their third major battle (at the Big Hole in Montana), the Nez Perce gave up all hope of returning to their homeland and decided to make a run for Canada to join Sitting Bull and his people. They headed toward Yellowstone National Park where they captured two groups of campers and later released them unharmed.

The Nez Perce were still being pursued by General O. O. Howard, Colonel John P. Gibbon, Colonel Samuel Sturgis and all their troops. The Indians managed to stay ahead of the cavalry and to inflict many losses on the Army. Shoshone and Crow warriors refused to join the Nez Perce because they wanted to avoid trouble with the Army.

BEAT BY THE TELEGRAPH

The truth was that Nez Perce successes were resulting from a combination of over confidence and mistakes on the part of the whites, the rugged terrain that made pursuit difficult and the Indians' intense courage and sheer determination. But, the Nez Perce were eventually beat by the telegraph.

Colonel Nelson A. Miles, having received a bulletin from the west, left Fort Keogh in eastern Montana with nearly 600 men and a body of Cheyenne warriors and launched a surprise attack on the Nez Perce on the cold, blustery morning of September 30. Both sides suffered heavily and instead of ordering another charge, Miles decided to lay siege to the Indian village. They were on the northern edge of the Bear Paw Mountains in northcentral Montana and the weather turned bitterly cold. The next morning five inches of new snow lay on the ground.

General Howard arrived with reinforcements on October 4, and it was then that Chief Joseph handed over his rifle and made one of the most moving speeches of surrender every made:

"Hear me, my chiefs. I am tired; my heart is sick and sad.

From where the sun now stands I will fight no more forever."

The Nez Perce had traveled 1700 miles in less than four months to be stopped only 30 miles short of the Canadian border and sanctuary. Of the 800 who began the trek, only 480 were left to surrender. Some were killed, some reached Canada and some survived by hiding in the hills.

The captured Indians were not sent back to their reservation as promised, but were shipped by flatboats and boxcars to unfamiliar, hot country in the Indian Territory, now Oklahoma, where many of them grew ill and died. Finally, in 1885 Joseph and most of his band were sent to the Colville Reservation in Washington. Joseph made many attempts to be allowed to resettle in the Wallowa, but each time was rebuffed. In 1904 he died, broken-hearted, an exile from the beautiful valley he still considered home.

Today in Montana, visitors can view two battle sites of the Nez Perce Indian War of 1877. Twelve miles west of Wisdom on Montana Highway 43 is the Big Hole National Battlefield and 16 miles south of Chinook, off U.S. 2 in northern Montana, is the Chief Joseph Battlefield, site of the final battle and surrender.

CATTLE RANCHING: BEFORE AND AFTER BARBED WIRE

Today, ranching in Montana differs immensely from what it looked like 100 years ago. At that time, Montana was seen as an endless sea of grass that could graze an unlimited number of cattle. In the 1860s and early '70s many longhorn cattle were driven north from Texas and turned loose in Montana. There was unrestrained open grazing on public domain. There were no fences, and cowboys simply drove their herds to greener pastures when the land became overgrazed.

During those early years, some outstanding profits were made in ranching. Due to ever-increasing markets and good prices for cattle, raising beef had become the biggest business in the West by 1885. Foreign investors, especially Englishmen and Scots, took advantage of the lucrative livestock industry, and cattle continued to pour into the territory. By 1886, the peak of the open-range era, an estimated 664,000 cattle grazed Montana lands.

The winter of 1886-87 is long remembered in the cattle industry. In November of 1886, the cold and snow set in and continued through February. Many cattle died as a result of deep snows and temperatures that plunged to 50 below zero, with high winds. The grasslands of Montana had been overgrazed and ranchers did not have the foresight to cut hay for feeding the cattle through the winter. During that disastrous winter, about 60 percent of the territory's entire beef population was lost and most of the ranchers never recovered.

Charlie Russell's quick sketch of a frozen, starving cow—entitled "Last of the 5,000"—dramatized the ranchers' losses, and became a turning point in his career as a Western artist.

It was during that winter that Montana ranchers realized the need for more careful range management and supplementary feeding. Herds were improved with Shorthorns and Herefords, to develop a breed that could withstand the cold climate. The tendency was toward smaller ranches on land that the operator either owned or leased. Cowboys spent more time mending fences and raising feed and ranching progressed rapidly to the modern methods used today.

Winter on the ranch is calving time. Calves are generally born between February and April. Heifers

(young cows that have not had calves) often need assistance in delivering their calves, so they are placed in a pen or barn near the house. A rancher must check his cows every four hours night and day during the calving season, in order to detect birthing problems early. A well-fed cow can be expected to produce a calf weighing from 60 to 100 pounds.

By mid-April, the snow has melted and the cattle are returned to the larger, open pastures, where they will eat the plentiful grasses and fend for themselves all summer.

At the end of May, the cows and calves are brought in for branding. A brand is a mark that distinguishes one rancher's cattle from all others. Should a stray cow wander into a rancher's pasture, he will be aware of his neighbor's brand and know who to call. Branding is a special occasion on the ranch and many Montana ranches still do it the old-fashioned way. Neighbors and friends gather to help and the day begins at sunrise. Cows and calves are rounded up and the calves are separated from their mamas and put in a pen. The calves are then roped, wrestled down and branded. The brand is imprinted with a hot iron. The iron is held on the hide of the calf for 3 or 4 seconds. This leaves a permanent scar that can never be removed. At this time, calves are also vaccinated against such diseases as brucellosis.

Because bulls aren't very good beef producers, bull calves are castrated at branding time to become steers. Only top-of-the-line bulls are saved for breeding. Calves are also dehorned, a process completed either by cutting off the horns or by applying dehorning paste. Cattle buyers perfer hornless cattle because they cause less injury in feed lots.

During the summer, the cows and bulls will be together for breeding. One bull is placed in a pasture with between 20 and 30 cows, and is left there for two to three months.

Every year around July, ranchers have to put up hay or buy hay from other ranchers. Dry land farmers generally get one cutting of hay per year and irrigated farms can produce up to three cuttings. The hay must be cut, baled and stacked. A rancher must have enough hay to feed his cattle for four months. A cow can eat 15 to 20 pounds of hay a day during the cold months. Most ranchers use another supplement, such as "cake," a compressed pellet made from barley and other grains.

In the fall, the calves are gathered and sold to feed lots. At this time, they will weigh about 500 pounds. After a couple of months in the feed lots, they will have gained 200 pounds and will be sold for slaughter.

Before the first snows fly, the cows will be brought in closer to the ranch so they can be fed more easily during the winter months. Feeding the cows takes up most of the rancher's morning, and afternoons are spent mending fences, checking on newborns and getting ready for the summer.

A rancher's life is not easy. Rising and falling prices and alternating wet and dry cycles have combined to make cattle ranching, as always, an unpredictable livelihood.

Roundup time in Montana

MONTANA

Name That City Quiz

Each of the following phrases is a clue to the name of a town in Montana

1. A noted newscaster _____
2. A wounded animal _____
3. An animal home _____
4. An African explorer _____
5. A well known circus _____
6. A small sweetheart _____
7. A line of toiletries _____
8. A very fleet animal _____
9. A part of New York bought from Indians for $24 _____
10. A fur trader _____
11. A ranch activity _____
12. A flower of infancy _____
13. A large snake _____
14. A warm, southwest wind _____
15. A small valley _____
16. A wide look _____
17. A geometric figure _____
18. A former TV sheriff _____
19. No. 18's former deputy _____
20. A hill standing alone _____
21. A colorless vertebrate _____
22. A severed money institution _____
23. A double overpass _____
24. A starving mammal _____
25. A caretaker of sheep _____
26. An exterior view _____
27. Solomon's request _____
28. Abundant fuel _____
29. Much above average _____
30. Holds up a person's pants _____
31. Indian footwear _____
32. Next door to heaven _____
33. Multiple tableware _____
34. Custer's regimental song _____
35. The Trojan war was fought in _____
36. Uncivilized _____
37. First U.S. Treasurer _____
38. Flip Wilson's impersonation _____
39. Bookkeeping form _____
40. A type of bean _____
41. Name of a nuclear submarine _____
42. To split _____
43. Type of tree or bug _____
44. The Russian capitol _____
45. A vacuum cleaner brand _____
46. Get on your knees and _____
47. Invoices _____
48. Distance + City _____
49. Big stone _____
50. Large forest _____
51. Colorless corridor _____
52. Flaming inn _____
53. Large ice cube + West _____
54. Founder of psychoanalysis _____
55. What water does in the freezer _____
56. One who grows flowers _____
57. Small waterfall _____
58. A tree whose foliage was used to make crowns _____
59. A cigarette brand _____
60. Unmarried girl _____

FAMOUS MONTANANS

Gary Cooper—Motion picture actor. Born Frank James in Helena on May 7, 1901.

Chet Huntley—News commentator of Huntley-Brinkley fame. Born Chester Robert Huntley in Cardwell on December 19, 1911.

Myrna Loy—Motion picture actress. Born Myrna Williams in Radersburg on August 2, 1905.

George Montgomery—Motion picture and television actor. Born George Letz in Brady in 1916.

Jeanette Rankin—First woman to be elected to U.S. House of Representatives and only person to vote against U.S. entry in both World War I and World War II. Born near Missoula on June 11, 1880.

Stan Lynde—Cartoonist and creator of Rick O'Shay and Latigo. Born in Billings in 1931.

Evel Knievel—Daredevil. Born Robert Craig Knievel in Butte on October 17, 1938.

Patrick Duffy—Television actor, star of Dallas. Born in Townsend on March 17, 1949.

Martha Ray—Motion picture actress. Born Margie Yvonne Reed in Butte on August 27, 1916.

Robert Scriver—Western artist and sculptor. Born in Browning in 1914.

Kenneth J. Ralston—Western artist born in Choteau in 1896. Went by J. K. Ralston.

MONTANA NAME THAT CITY QUIZ

Answers

1. (Chet) Huntley
2. Lame Deer
3. Deer Lodge
4. Livingston
5. Ringling
6. Wibaux
7. Avon
8. Antelope
9. Manhattan
10. (Jim) Bridger
11. Roundup
12. Rosebud
13. Anaconda
14. Chinook
15. Dell
16. Broadview
17. Circle
18. (Matt) Dillon
19. Chester
20. Butte
21. Whitefish
22. Cut Bank
23. Twin Bridges
24. Hungry Horse
25. Shepherd
26. Outlook
27. Wisdom
28. Plentywood
29. Superior
30. Belt
31. Moccasin
32. Paradise
33. Three Forks
34. Garryowen
35. Troy
36. Savage
37. (Alexander) Hamilton
38. Geraldine
39. Ledger
40. Lima
41. Trident
42. Divide
43. Box Elder
44. Kremlin
45. Eureka
46. Pray
47. Billings
48. Miles City
49. Boulder
50. Big Timber
51. Whitehall
52. Red Lodge
53. West Glacier
54. Froid
55. Hardin
56. Gardiner
57. Cascade
58. Laurel
59. Winston
60. Maiden

FAMOUS "ADOPTED" MONTANANS

Mike Mansfield—Born in New York but sent to live with relatives in Montana at an early age. Formerly a U.S. Senator from Montana and he is now the U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

A. B. Guthrie, Jr.—Born in Indiana, he lived in Montana as a child. Graduated from M.S.U. Had a newspaper career in Kentucky but retired and returned to Montana to write. Pulitzer Prize winning book called "The Way West." Also wrote "The Big Sky" and the screenplay for Shane.

Charlie Russell—Born in Saint Louis, Missouri in 1864, he came to Montana at the age of 15 to be a "cowboy." He sketched and painted and sculpted the frontier which he saw and became one of the most famous western artists. His log cabin studio and home in Great Falls are open to the public. His art pieces are on display at the C. M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Historical Society in Helena.

Jan Stenerud—Born in Norway, he attended Montana State University to play football and be on the ski team. He was a place kicker in the NFL for many years and recently retired and moved back to Bozeman.

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MONTANA GIFTS AND PRODUCTS

"MADE IN MONTANA"

In order to help existing Montana manufacturers to grow, the 1983 State Legislature approved an in-state product promotion campaign intended to raise the awareness of the consumer about the variety of products made in Montana. The campaign consists of a product labeling program using attractive "Made in Montana" stickers and tags, reinforced by a public service media campaign that encourages consumers to "look for the label". Labels are now appearing on a variety of Montana-made products, ranging from clothing and food products to hardware and electronic components that are shipped worldwide. The only restriction on the use of the label is that it can appear only on products that have a minimum of 50 percent value added in Montana. Your group can take home some very unique gifts by looking for the "Made in Montana" label when shopping for souvenirs.

SAPPHIRES

Sapphires of both gem and industrial quality are mined in western and central Montana. The unusual cornflower-blue sapphires of Yogo Gulch near Lewistown are said to be the deepest blue of all sapphires in the world and are of highest gem quality. Named by the Indians, the word yogo means "blue sky." Yogo sapphires can be found in Montana's gem stores and rock shops. An excellent exhibit is on display at Dan's Store in Lewistown. Groups who wish to mine their own sapphires may try their luck at the Gem Mountain Sapphire Mine near Anaconda.

COPPER

Until 1982, Butte's famed Berkeley Pit ranked third in open-pit copper mining in the United States. All but one-tenth of Montana's copper was mined at Butte, "the richest hill on earth." Copper products can be found in gift shops throughout Montana. Items made from copper include bracelets, belt buckles, candle holders, cookware and dishes. Several shops specialize in copper items, such as the Butte Copper Company, the West Yellowstone Copper Shop and the Montana Copper Shops in Missoula and Polson.

WILD BERRY PRODUCTS

During the summer and fall, wild chokecherries, buffaloberries, plums and huckleberries grow abundantly in Montana. Many Montanans have made a business of collecting these fruits and producing wonderful taste treats. The most popular of these are jams and preserves made by Eva Gates in Bigfork, jellies and syrups made by Kountry Kitchen in Miles City and chocolate covered huckleberries made by several companies in the state. These products can be purchased in delicatessens, grocery stores and gift shops throughout Montana. For a unique Montana experience, arrangements can be made for your group tour to pick wild huckleberries in season. The Libby Chamber of Commerce can assist you.

MONTANA CLAY

This unique clay, dug in Montana, is used to create a variety of objects. The most popular are vases, ashtrays, bells, cups and small animals. The rich, earthy tones swirled with white make one-of-a-kind items because the color and pattern cannot be duplicated. Look for Montana clay products in gift shops throughout the state or visit the plants where the clay is poured, fired and glazed. Clays in Calico is located in Cardwell, and Montana Clay is located in Logan.

WHEAT WEAVINGS

Wheat grows abundantly on Montana's rolling hills and plains. Many Montana artisans weave the wheat to create a variety of objects. An old craft that originated in England, wheat weaving can be used to make wall hangings, corsages, centerpieces, necklaces, napkin rings and many other items. Not just wheat is used. Barley, oats or any plant that has a hollow stem can be incorporated into wheat weaving. Wheat weavings, wheat stalks and books on the subject can be found in arts and crafts stores and stores that handle hand-made items. Some hotels in the state, such as the Great Falls Sheraton and the Yogo Inn in Lewistown, can arrange to have wheat weaving classes for group tours.

INDIAN CRAFTS

With seven Indian Reservations in Montana, it's not surprising that Indian crafts would be included in a list of unique gifts and products. Jewelry, pottery, beaded work, moccasins, baskets, dolls and many other items can be found on or near the reservations as well as in "trading posts" throughout the state. The Indian Crafts Center in Lame Deer and the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning offer an excellent selection of quality crafts.

WESTERN ART

Montana abounds with studios, galleries, foundries and shops specializing in western art. Art West Magazine produces a gallery directory for the western states, including 87 galleries in Montana where western art can be purchased. The directory may be obtained by writing to: Art West, 303 E. Main Street, Bozeman, MT 59715. The best art collections can be found at sales and auctions held annually in Montana. These also provide the buyer with an opportunity to meet the artists personally. The three biggest sales are the C. M. Russell Auction held in Great Falls each March, the Kalispell Art Show held each August and the Western Rendezvous of Art held in Helena each August.

MONTANA AGATES

Montana Agates are highly prized by rockhounds all over the country. They are commonly called "Moss Agates" because of the tree and fern-like images within the gem. A lava product formed millions of years ago, Moss Agates are one of nature's true wonders. Their coloration may consist of a single color or may be in combinations of red, black, green and blue. These attractive stones are found along the lower Yellowstone River from around Custer downstream to Sidney, a distance of almost 200 miles. Moss Agates and jewelry may be purchased in lapidary shops throughout the state. A must for all rockhounders is a visit to the Holiday Lodge in Glendive, where the Ed Klapmeier agate jewelry collection is on display. It is said to be the finest collection of its kind in the world. If you are interested in searching for agates, the Yellowstone Agate Club in Miles City can assist you.

THE NIGHT THE MOUNTAIN FELL

At 11:37 p.m. on Monday, August 17, 1959, one of the most severe earthquakes recorded in North America shook the area around West Yellowstone.

The quake measured 7.1 on the Richter scale and sent gigantic tidal waves surging down the seven-mile length of Hebgen Lake, throwing an enormous quantity of water over the top of Hebgen Dam. This water, described as a wall 20 feet high, swept down the narrow canyon. Fortunately, the dam held against the tidal waves although it cracked in at least four places. At about the same time, half of a 7,600-foot-high mountain came crashing down into the valley. The slide dammed up the Madison River and forced the surging water back up the canyon.

It took 8 seconds for the 80 million tons of rock to fall to the valley floor 1,200 feet below. At the time it reached that point, it was estimated to be traveling at 175 miles per hour. Four-thousand-pound cars were tossed 40 feet and smashed against trees by the force of the near-hurricane velocity wind created by the falling mountain.

Every 15 to 20 minutes during that night and the following morning another shock occurred. Some 300 people were trapped in the Madison Canyon when big sections of the road fell into Hebgen Lake.

The next morning eight smokejumpers were dropped to bring in food and first aid equipment and help prepare a landing spot for an evacuation helicopter.

When the mountain fell, it covered the unimproved section of Rock Creek campground, burying several people. It was not feasible to move 80 million tons of dirt and rock, so much research was done to determine how many people were missing. It was estimated that 19 persons are buried beneath the rubble.

Two people camped at the Cliff Lake campground were killed when two boulders (each weighing eight tons) came crashing down a mountain and landed on top of them as they lay sleeping.

The final death toll for the earthquake stands at 28.

In nearby Yellowstone National Park, 18,000 people were overnighting and most were on the edge of panic. At Old Faithful Inn, the fireplace and chimney crashed through the dining room floor, activating the sprinkler system. Water damage was substantial.

The only injury in Yellowstone was a woman who sprained her ankle jumping out of bed.

At Canyon Village, a guest left a note on his pillow the following morning for the maid, saying, "An awfully rough bear stayed under my cabin last night. Had an awfully hard time sleeping. Better tell the night man to do something about it."

To preserve the effects of the earthquake on the geology and man-made structures, the Forest Service set aside 37,800 acres of the Gallatin National Forest as the Madison River Canyon Earthquake Area.

The Visitor Center, built on top of the slide, is open during the summer. On display are photos of the area just after the earthquake and a seismograph. There are also regularly scheduled talks about earthquakes.

FIGHTING FOREST FIRES FROM THE SKY

The largest smokejumper base in the United States is located in Missoula at the Region One Headquarters for the U.S. Forest Service. This Aerial Fire Depot is home to 128 smokejumpers, who are trained to parachute from airplanes to suppress forest fires in Montana, Idaho and Wyoming. This fire fighting force was created out of need for a quicker initial fire attack - especially in areas with limited access. The first fire jump was made in 1940. That year 12 jumpers made 99 fire jumps. More than 60,000 jumps have been made since 1940.

The smokejumper leads a rigorous life and must be in prime physical condition. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and have 2 years of work experience. One of these must include fire fighting in mountainous terrain. Hazardous jumping conditions and the size of the chute dictate that the prospective jumper be between 5'6" and 6'3" tall and weigh between 130 and 190 pounds. Of the many who apply for this job, only a select few are chosen. Of the applicants selected, many may be cut during the grueling training program.

The training for new jumpers lasts approximately three weeks. During this time they receive classroom and field instruction in fire behavior, fire suppression techniques, first aid and the use of hand and power tools. A test of endurance usually administered during this period involves having the men "dig line" around an imaginary fire throughout the night, followed by a 3-mile hike carrying a 105-pound pack.

At the same time, new men begin parachute training. They are taught how to exit from the airplane correctly, turn the parachute and manuever it to a safe landing, "let down" from a tree landing, climb a tree to retrieve a chute and how to do a proper "roll" when landing.

After completing the training and performing 8 actual jumps from the airplane into progressively smaller landing spots, the smokejumper is "fire ready" and is placed on the "jump list."

Several pieces of specialized equipment are used by smokejumpers. The fire-resistant jumpsuit is designed with padding at the joints to provide protection upon landing. A high,padded collar protects the neck in case of a tree landing. Each trouser leg has a full-length zipper for quick removal and on the lower right leg is a rope pocket, which holds the 100-foot flat nylon rope used for getting out of trees. The smokejumper also wears a helmet with a wire mesh face mask and tight gloves during the jump. The main chute is worn on the back and a reserve chute is attached to the front. Below the reserve chute, the jumper carries his personal gear, or "PG" bag. Inside this bag are personal belongings such as his hard hat, raincoat, extra gloves and first aid equipment.

When a fire call comes and the siren sounds, smokejumpers must be suited up and ready to board the plane within 5 minutes.

When the airplane reaches the site of the fire, it circles the area about 1,200 feet above the ground. From the cockpit, the "spotter" studies the terrain and chooses a landing area. Still circling the fire, the spotter moves to the open door near the back of the plane and throws out three crepe paper streamers to check for wind speed and direction.

Smokejumpers usually jump in "two-man sticks." The first jumper moves to the open door and assumes his position. When he has been slapped on the calf of the left leg by the spotter he jumps. The second man moves into the door, pauses momentarily and jumps. These two men are "jump partners," and in case of injury upon landing, they will depend heavily on one another.

The chutes are quite maneuverable and can usually be steered into the landing spot. However, high winds created by the fire or due to the mountainous terrain sometimes cause the jumper to drift to another area, or perhaps, land in a tree.

Smokejumpers may stay throughout the entire fire, or may be relieved by a local fire crew. Their primary job is the initial fire attack. This method of fire fighting has saved countless thousands of dollars over the years.

Besides fighting fires, smokejumpers are dispatched on rescue missions. Most are trained in wilderness first aid and emergency medical services. Because of the high-risk nature of their work, smokejumpers are a close-knit group, bound by a deep sense of camaraderie. Whenever two or more are gathered, the "silk stories" begin. Fires are re-fought, jumps are re-jumped and hikes are re-hiked.

Guided tours of the facilities at the Aerial Fire Depot in Missoula are available. Displays at the visitor center include a fire lookout, smokejumper equipment and a movie about smokejumping.

There is also a small inter-agency smokejumper base in West Yellowstone. Only 14 jumpers are stationed there. Visitors are welcome.

COLTER'S RUN

John Colter, a Virginian, joined the Lewis and Clark Expedition on October 15, 1803. He quickly established his ability as a marksman and was often used as a hunter on the journey. He was also given assignments of responsibility requiring him to go out by himself. During the whole journey, Colter's name never appeared on the sick list.

On the return trip down the Missouri River, the expedition met two men going upriver to trap. The two persuaded Colter to join them. The partnership broke up the following spring and Colter headed for St. Louis. But where the Platte enters the Missouri, he met up with Manuel Lisa and his party who were heading up the Missouri to establish fur trading posts. Colter signed up with that expedition and again returned up the Missouri.

The first cabin the Lisa party erected at the mouth of the Bighorn River was the first permanent building in what is now Montana. Colter was sent on an expedition to try to encourage trade with some distant Indian tribes. On his journey during that winter of 1807-08, he passed through Jackson Hole and the Teton Mountains and is believed to be the first white man ever to see what is now Yellowstone National Park. Colter's descriptions of the geysers and hot springs he saw in the Yellowstone area earned him the reputation of a liar.

In the spring of 1808, Colter and John Potts (another member of the Lewis and Clark Expedition) set out for the headwaters of the Missouri on a trapping expedition.

They were camped along the Jefferson River and were out checking traps one morning in a canoe when they were surprised by a large party of Blackfeet Indians. Potts attempted resistance and was killed. Colter gave himself up to avoid imminent death.

Legend has it that the Indians decided to give him a chance to "save himself." He was stripped naked and given a 300-to-400-yard headstart in a race against 500 Indians. Six miles ahead of him was the Jefferson River and a chance for concealment. Fear and hope lent a supernatural vigor to his body. He outran all but one Indian and turned quickly to confront him. The Indian was astounded by the sudden move and tried to hurl his spear but stumbled and broke it as he fell. Colter grabbed the pointed end and killed the warrior.

He continued his run to the river where he dove under a beaver lodge. The Indians explored the river and its banks but couldn't find Colter so they returned to their camp.

Colter waited until nightfall, then swam several miles downstream and went ashore.

For seven days he wandered naked and unarmed over stones and cactus, scorched by the heat of noon and chilled by the frost of night, living off roots. At last he reached Lisa's trading post on the Bighorn River - some 225 miles away.

Even this terrible adventure could not deter the dauntless Colter, and he remained another year in the mountains. Finally, in the spring of 1810, he returned to St. Louis after an absence of six years.

Back in Missouri, Colter purchased farm land 60 miles upriver from St. Louis. One of his neighbors was the elderly Daniel Boone. Colter married a girl named Sally, and it is believed that they had a son named Hiram. In autumn of 1813, Colter contracted "jaundice" and died in November.

Nearly a century elapsed before the world began to appreciate his contribution to western exploration.

One of the ways Montana commemorates John Colter's contribution is by staging an annual foot race — Colter's Run — near the Missouri Headwaters State Park. Sponsored by a local running club, the race traces, as accurately as possible, the route taken by Colter as he fled from the Blackfeet. In a state where many communites try to out-do one another with bigger or better or more unusual foot races, this one is surely the most challenging. Participants run up steep mountains and down the other side and even ford one of the Missouri's tributaries before dragging their weary bodies across the finish line.

THOSE WHITE CROSSES ARE THERE FOR A REASON

"What are those white crosses on the side of the road?" That's a question asked by many visitors to Montana. The roadside crosses were put in place by the American Legion as a memorial to persons killed in highway accidents. The statewide program was launched by the Legion in 1953, and today it is up to the 127 individual posts as to whether they wish to continue the program in their area. The Montana Highway Department furnishes the Legion with the names of traffic accident victims and the location of the accidents. If more than one person died in an accident, all the crosses are mounted on a single pole.

The crosses cannot be placed along interstate highways because of Highway Department regulations. Besides serving as a memorial to traffic accident victims, these markers warn motorists of potentially hazardous sections of highway.

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